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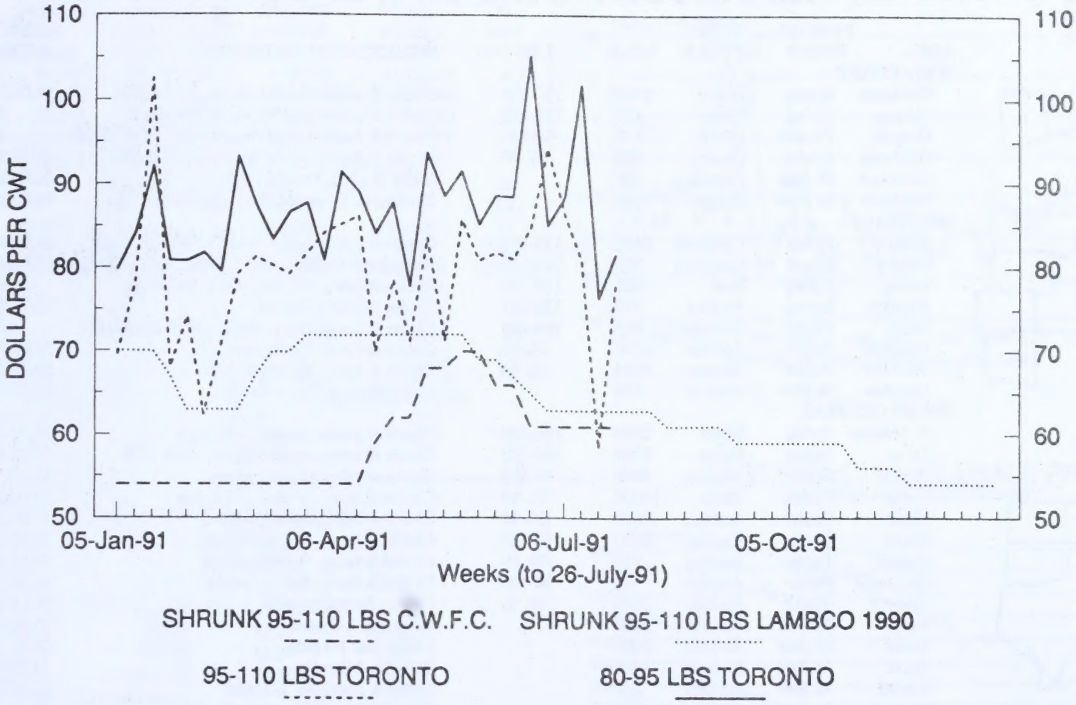
WEEKLY AVERAGE SLAUGHTER LAMB PRICE



Slaughter lamb markets saw prices decline on seasonal increases in slaughter lamb marketings. At the Canada West Foods plant, in Innisfail, the bid range for slaughter lambs was steady at $58 to $61 per cwt. There is a 6 to 8 week slaughter booking backlog at the plant, which the company hopes to reduce to four weeks as quickly as possible.

At the Fort Macleod auction, early in July, slaughter lambs sold from $57 to $62 per cwt, while feeder lambs brought $42 to $66 per cwt. The latest lamb sale in Edmonton saw slaughter lambs sell for $46 to $50 per cwt and feeder lambs sell for $45 to $50 per cwt.

Live slaughter lamb prices in the United States remained US $2 to $5 per cwt above year ago price levels. Markets were supported by wholesale lamb carcass prices, which continued to strengthen above year ago levels with heavy carcasses bringing a premium.

In the United States lamb slaughter volumes and for June were eight per cent lower than for the same month in 1990. This is the third month in a row, where lamb slaughter has been below year ago levels with relative live weights progressively declining to year ago levels. Despite seasonal increases in lamb marketings in the next few months, if slaughter volumes remain lower than last year's levels, it is likely that prices will remain relatively firm.

REPRESENTATIVE LIVE SALES AS OF JULY 19, 1991

AREA	TYPE OF SHEEP	TYPE OF SALE	HEAD	LBS.	WEIGHING CONDITIONS	PRICE ($/CWT.)
WEST COAST						
California	Spring	Direct	2700	100-120	Choice & prime, wooled, shorn, del. in state	56.00-58.00
Oregon	Spring	Direct	450	100-125	Choice & prime, wooled, equiv. 4% shrink	52.00
Oregon	Feeder	Direct	550	80-105	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled, equiv. 2% shrink	45.00
California	Feeder	Direct	300	80- 90	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled, del. in state	48.00-50.00
California	Sl. Ewe	Auction	125		Utility & good, wooled, shorn	16.00-25.00
California	St. Ewe	Auction	123		Yearling to 3 year old, No. 1-2 pelts (per hd.)	42.00-54.00
MOUNTAIN						
Idaho	Spring	Computer	6800	125-135	Choice & prime, range, wooled, FOB overnight	57.00-61.50
Idaho	Mixed	Computer	800	115-120	Slaughter & feeder, range, wooled, FOB overnight	58.00-61.00
Idaho	Spring	Pool	425	115-120	Choice & prime, wooled, equiv. 3% shrink	61.15
Montana	Spring	Auction	350	120-125	Choice & prime, wooled	55.75-58.50
Idaho	Feeder	Computer	425	100-105	Choice & fancy, range, wooled, FOB overnight	56.00
Colorado	Feeder	Auction	1050	65- 96	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled	55.00-59.00
Montana	Feeder	Auction	1440	60- 90	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled	50-25-58.75
Montana	Sl. Ewe	Auction	500		Utility & good, No,. 1-2 pelts	16.00-25.50
SOUTH CENTRAL						
N. Mexico	Spring	Direct	3500	100-120	Choice & prime, wooled, 4% shrink	58.00-60.00
Texas	Spring	Direct	9000	100-125	Choice & prime, wooled, shorn, guar. 51%	56.00-60.00
Kansas	Spring	Auction	1900	96-128	Choice & prime, wooled, shorn	54.00-60.00
Texas	Feeder	Direct	10000	70- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled, 3% shrink	53.00-55.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	10600	50- 90	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled	47.00-57.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	2250	90-100	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled	53.00-59.00
Kansas	Feeder	Auction	700	50- 90	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled	50.00-66.00
Oklahoma	Feeder	Auction	400	30-100	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled	46.00-51.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	1600	60- 80	Choice, Spring, wooled	50.00-55.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	2500		Good, No. 1-2 pelts	33.00-40.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	5000		Utility, No. 1-2 pelts	26.00-36.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	1500		Cull, No. 1-2 pelts	15.00-25.00
Kansas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	200		Utility & good, No. 1-2 pelts	22.00-28.75
Texas	St. Ewe	Auction	300		Baby tooth to solid mouth, No. 1-2 pelts (per hd.)	36.00-48.00
Texas	St. Ewe	Auction	235		Baby tooth to solid mouth, No. 1-2 pelts (per hd.)	44.00-52.00
NORTH CENTRAL						
Iowa	Spring	Auction	300	109-140	Choice & prime, No. 1-2 pelts, Kalona	60.25-64.70
IA-S.MN	Spring	Direct	5000	109-132	Choice & prime, wooled,.25-.30 dis. und. 120 4%	58.00-62.00
IA-S.MN	Spring	Direct	1000	104-111	Choice & prime, wooled,.25-.30 dis.und.120 4%	55.00-59.00
IA-S.MN	Spring	Direct	550	112-130	Choice & prime, No.1-2 pelts,.25-.30 dis.und.120	60.00-62.00
Minnesota	Spring	Auction	660	95-132	Choice & prime, wooled	54.00-60.00
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	2222	98-133	Choice & prime, wooled, shorn	59.00-65.70
Iowa/Ill.	Spring	Computer	800	115-121	Choice & prime, wooled, .20 dis. under 110 lbs.	59.00-60.50
S. Dakota	Feeder	Auction	450	48-100	Choice & fancy, wooled	45.00-56.00
Iowa	Feeder	Auction	500	50-100	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled, Kalona	49.00-58.50
Minnesota	Feeder	Auction	400	60- 90	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled	50.00-55.00
Missouri	Feeder	Auction	230	30-100	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled	44.00-52.00
Iowa	Sl. Ewe	Auction	220		Utility & good, No. 1-2 pelts, Kalona/Humiston	16.50-27.00
S. Dakota	Sl. Ewe	Auction	200		Utility & good, No. 1-2 pelts	20.00-30.00
S. Dakota	Sl. Ewe	Auction	110		Cull, No. 1-2 pelts	12.25-20.00
EASTERN						
Ohio	Spring	Auction	350	100-125	Wooled, shorn	55.00-59.25
Michigan	Spring	Auction	550	110-125	Choice & prime, wooled, shorn,(wooled $2.00 dis.)	55.00-60.00
Michigan	Spring	Pool	175	110-125	Choice & prime, No. 1-2 pelts,(wooled $2.00 disc.)	59.50
Penn.	Spring	Auction	250	55- 70	Choice & prime, wooled	65.00-70.00
Penn.	Spring	Auction	250	70-115	Choice & prime, wooled	55.00-65.00
Virginia	Spring	Auction	312	85-125	Choice & prime, wooled	49.75-57.50
Virginia	Feeder	Auction	257	60- 85	Choice & fancy, wooled	42.00-54.50
Ohio	Feeder	Auction	400	60- 85	Wooled	48.00-52.00
Penn.	Sl. Ewe	Auction	500		Utility & good, No. 1-2 pelts	15.00-30.00

Carcasses ***Certified*** by USDA Week Ending 7-12-91: 10,062, 10.16% of estimated slaughter.

Certified American Lamb Premiums: Quoted Prices Over Standard Cuts

Carcass on Rail	+ $ .05-.10	Trimmed Shouders	+ $ .09-.15
Carcass 3-Way	+ $ .10-.15	Trimmed Loins	+ $ .08-.22
rimmed Legs	+ $ .11-.15	Hotel Racks	+ $ .10-.15

Some discounts noted on larger orders of ***Certified*** American lamb.

FOR 24-HOUR LAMB MARKET NEWS CALL 801-392-7601

FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER (Head)

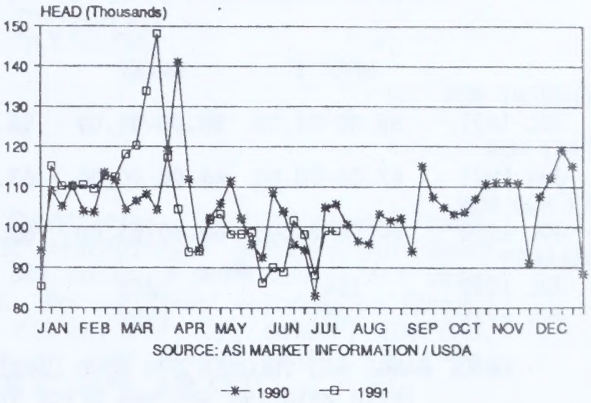
	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 06/29/91 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1991 vs 1990 TOTAL
SHEEP	99,000	0.0	-6.3	98,140	3,043,000	-0.1
CATTLE	659,000	+1.9	-2.1	650,768	17,625,000	-2.9
CALF	23,000	+4.5	-28.6	22,901	756,000	-22.4
HOGS	1,480,000	-5.2	+3.5	1,464,697	45,582,000	+1.0

RED MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 06/22/91 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1991 vs 1990 TOTAL
LAMB	6.2	-0.1	0.0	6.4	197.3	+0.1
BEEF	458.3	+2.1	-0.7	460.0	12,226.0	-0.5
VEAL	5.0	+4.5	-12.3	4.8	160.5	-0.2
PORK	269.2	-5.2	+4.8	270.9	8,263.2	+1.9
TOTAL	738.7	-0.5	+1.2	742.1	20,847.0	+0.5

DRESSED WEIGHT		PERCENT LAMB SLAUGHTER	
THIS WEEK (EST.)	63	06/29/91	93.2
06/22/91 (ACT.)	63	06/30/90	90.9

AVERAGE WEEKLY F.I. SLAUGHTER



WHOLESALE LAMB MARKET

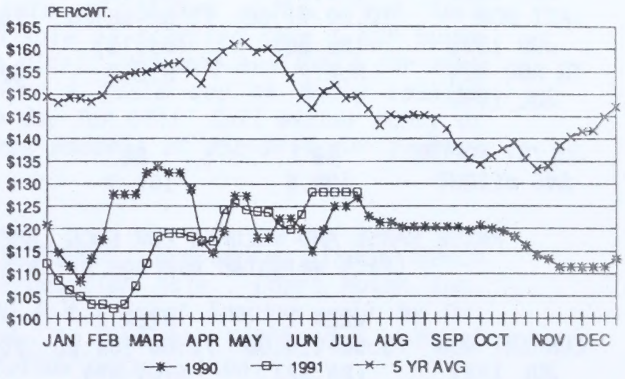
	55 lbs-down	55-65 lbs	65-75 lbs
NORTHEAST	$1.25	$1.27	$1.30
FOB RIVER	$1.20	$1.22	$1.25
LESS THAN CARLOT			
LOS ANGELES	$1.23*	$1.27**	$1.29
BAY AREA	$1.25*	$1.30**	$1.30
NORTHWEST	$1.22-1.25*	$1.30**	$1.30

* 60 lbs. & down ** 60-65 lbs.

Carcass lamb, at the wholesale carlot market level in the Northeast and Midwest, traded steady on Thursday, but volume was insufficient to fully establish the market. Some downward pressure was being exerted by the buying side, as they were well aware of the weakness generated in live lamb trading this week. Prices on Friday, however, settled steady with last week. Trading on lamb carcasses on the West Coast was mostly steady. Some weakness noted on 60/Down carcasses in the Northwest; other weights steady.

EAST COAST WHOLESALE PRICE

WEIGHTED AVERAGE ALL WEIGHTS



DISTRIBUTIVE CUT MARKET & RETAIL FEATURE ACTIVITY

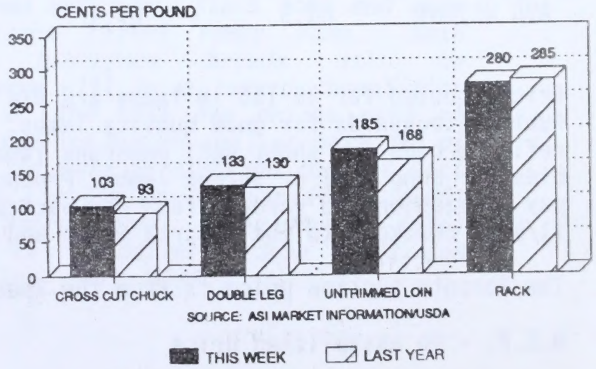
ITEM	NORTH-EAST	BAY AREA	LOS ANGELES	NORTH WEST
CHUCK CROSS CUT	$.95-1.10	No Quote	No Quote	No Quote
CHUCK SQUARE CUT	No Quote	$1.15*	$1.15*	$1.30-1.45*
SINGLE LEG	No Quote	$1.79*	$1.79*	$1.60-1.68*
DOUBLE LEG	$1.20-1.45	$1.60	$1.60	$1.45
LOIN	$1.60-2.10	$3.40*	$3.40*	$3.35-3.40*
RACK 7 UP	$2.50-3.00	$3.10*	$3.10*	$2.95*
FORE SADDLE	No Quote	No Quote	No Quote	$1.40-1.45
HIND SADDLE	$1.40-1.65	$1.75	$1.75	$1.69-1.73

* Trimmed and/or vacuumed packed

Suppliers reported the Northeast distributive cut market in the midst of another heat wave with prices for most cuts declining from a week ago. Prices were off most in the New York City area. Hotel racks showed the most decline, dropping $.10-.30; cross cut chucks bucked the weaker trend and were steady to $.05 higher; double legs and loins were mixed with prices ranging from $.05 higher to $.05-.10 cents lower; hindsaddles were steady. Distributive carcass lamb 55/Down sold $2.00-3.00 lower at $135.00-138.00. Trading in Los Angeles and the Bay Area was steady. In the Northwest, square-cut chucks showed $.12-.22 higher following last week's special ad. Oven-ready legs $.06-.08 higher; 2-inch loins $.05-.10 higher; hotel racks $.15 lower; foresaddles $.03-.08 higher; hindsaddles steady to $.04 higher.

EAST COAST CUT PRICES

AVERAGE



PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT C.W.F.C.

	WEEK 1	WEEK2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON						
JUL 1991	58.00-61.00	58.00-61.00	58.00-61.00	58.00-61.00		58.00-61.00
LAST MON						
JUN 1991	67.00-70.00	63.00-66.00	63.00-66.00	58.00-61.00	58.00-61.00	61.80-64.80
YR AGO MON						
JUL 1990	60.00-63.00	60.00-63.00	60.00-63.00	60.00-63.00		60.00-63.00
VOLUMES						
JUL 1990	1347	1269	1842	1445		5903
JUL 1991	1441	1541	1577	1365		5924

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	73.00-97.00	74.00-84.00	51.00-73.00	73.00-87.00		
JUL 1991	(86.44)	(80.96)	(58.41)	(77.98)		78.90
LAST MON	70.00-91.00	71.00-86.00	70.00-90.00	72.00-109.00	76.00-101.00	
JUN 1991	(80.86)	(81.75)	(81.05)	(84.84)	(94.32)	82.78
YR AGO MON	N.E.P.	N.E.P.	62.00-81.00	N.E.P.		
JUL 1990			(71.48)			71.48
JUL/91 VOLUME	69	86	33	24		212
AVG WEIGHT	100.6	101.3	104.5	100.2		

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 80-95 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	75.50-118.00	72.00-104.00	70.00-94.00	70.00-100.00		
JUL 1991	(88.52)	(101.82)	(76.75)	(81.61)		87.68
LAST MON	75.00-104.00	75.00-97.00	74.00-98.00	88.00-119.00	74.00-108.00	
JUN 1991	(85.19)	(88.65)	(88.50)	(105.17)	(85.16)	90.01
YR AGO MON	80.00-95.00	86.00-96.00	75.00-96.00	70.00-83.00		
JUL 1990	(87.61)	(91.01)	(86.53)	(74.16)		85.62
JUL/91 VOLUME	119	248	272	104		743
AVG WEIGHT	80.3	87.1	84.5	85.0		

Prices quoted for 95-110 lb lambs are bid prices at C.W.F.C. and auction prices at Toronto Public Stockyards for good quality lambs. The lower end of the Alberta price range reflects bids for short haul unshrunk lambs, while the upper end of the range represents bids for long haul or shrunk lambs. Producers delivering to the Toronto Public Stockyards pay commission and yardage fees for each animal sold. Producers delivering to C.W.F.C. pay $1/head checkoff to the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission.

The Toronto auction price is from the Special Sheep and Lamb Sale held on Monday each week.

N.E.P. - No established price

C.W.F.C. - Canada West Foods Corporation, Innisfail, Alberta

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Coming Events

1991

August 15 — ***NORTH-CENTRAL*** *Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. All sales being at 1 P.M. For additonal information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), R R #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*

August 17 — ***MILLARVILLE ANGORA*** *Goat Show & BBQ. Money & trophies. Speakers, displays. Hands-on management & care of Angora goats. Pot luck lunch. Auction sale of selected does & ROP bucks (now on test at Olds). Housing available for show goats. Camp over & field day at Nancy Laskins August 18. Fun day for all! Call either Nancy at 938-4012 or Karen Waddell at 256-9114 for further information.*

August 23 — ***CROSSBREEDING SEMINAR!*** *Preceeding Treco Ranch Second Annual Production Sale. Capri Motor Inn, Red Deer. 8:00 P.M. Guest Speaker will be Dr. Anne McClelland, Ag Canada, Lethbridge. Panel discussion to follow presentation.*

August 24 — ***SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN*** *Wool Growers & Tompkins Livestock Co-op Ltd. invite you to participate in the 2nd Annual Select Range Ram & Ewe Sale, 1:30 P.M. at Tompkins, Saskatchewan. On offer will be selected stud rams and ewes, flock rams and ewes and special micron tested range rams. Both whiteface and blackface breeds will be represented. There will be a judged competition on the morning of the sale and prizes will be awarded to best ram and ewe as well as best pen of breeding ewes. For more information contact Wool Test Information, Leslie or Bernice Flaig (306) 622-4907, Sale Entry Forms, Dwane Morvik (306) 295-3801. Wool Test Deadline - June 28/91 and Sale Entry Deadline - July 15/91.*

August 24	***TRECO RANCH*** *and guest consignors. 2nd Annual Production Sale. Red Deer Westener Exhibition Grounds. 1:30 P.M. Offering 200 head of purebred & crossbred females. 40 head purebred rams. 2 "beginners flocks", proven, mature, easy lambers. Breeds to sell include: Arcotts, Columbia, Dorset, Finnish Landrace, Hampshire, Cheviot, Polypay, Rambouillet, Romanov, Suffolk and commercial crosses of the above. Guest consignors include Agriculture Canada - Lethbridge, Olds College, Brightbank Finnsheep, Ian & Deb Clark, Tom Eggertson, 4S Livestock, Moore-Hauser Sheep, Jim & Joanne Pearson, R.J. Shown, Thirsty Fox Farms, John & Edith Williams, Windhover Farm, Hi-Low Hills Romanov, Mike & Linda Rieberger, Amy & Rob Jackson, Blake Dole and Tracey Hagedorn. For more information contact Tom at 749-2280 or Warren at 549-2464.*
August 31	***MONTHLY SHEEP*** *and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
September 4	***ATTENTION ALL*** *Thorhild, Redwater & Smoky Lake area sheep producers! An organizational meeting to discuss a sheep producers group will be held in the Club Room of the Thorhild Community Centre at 7:30 P.M. Anyone with interest in sheep production is encouraged to attend. For further information contact Pat or Doug Olchowy at 398-2305.*
September 5	***NORTH-CENTRAL*** *Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. All sales being at 1 P.M. For additonal information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), R R #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*
September 14	***DAWSON CREEK*** *11th Annual Registered Ram Sale at Patterson's Auction Mart Ltd. Also selling grade ewe lambs, ewes and a large number of fat and feeder lambs. For further information regarding ram sale call C.A. Fraser (604) 843-7430 or regarding grade stock sale call Jim Henderson (604) 782-1431.*

September 17	***SHEEP & GOAT SALE**, Saskatchewan Building, Lloydminster Exhibition Grounds, Lloydminster. Open to all classes of sheep and goats, purebred and commercial. Contact Lloydminster Exhibition Association, Box 690, Lloydminster, Saskatchewan S9V OY7, (306) 825-5571.*
September 19	***NORTH-CENTRAL** Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Special Ewe Sale. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. All sales being at 1 P.M. For additonal information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), R R #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*
September 20-21	***DOG TRIALS** at Olde Tyme Sheep Fair, Olds. Novice/Novice and Pro/Novice. Call Murray, 335-4550.*
September 21	***OLDE TYME** Sheep Fair, Olds Agricultural Grounds. Entry forms for the competitions, booth rentals, and the ewe lamb sale are available from the Olde Tyme Sheep Fair committee. Further information can be obtained by calling Mike Rieberger at 224-3743.*
September 22	***DOG TRIALS** at Pasu Farms, Carstairs. Open class. Call Ron at 638-2836.*
September 28	***MONTHLY SHEEP** and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
October 3	***NORTH-CENTRAL** Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Special Goat Sale including breeding stock. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. All sales being at 1 P.M. For additonal information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), R R #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*

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October 26	***MONTHLY SHEEP*** *and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
November 12-16	***FARM FAIR*** *1991. Tuesday, November 12 - Purebred Sheep Show, 9:00 A.M. Wednesday, November 13 - Junior Sheep Show, 9:00 A.M. Friday, November 15 - Purebred Sheep Sale, 3:00 P.M. and Saturday, November 16 - Sheep Shearing Competition, 1:00 P.M.*
December 5-7	***1991 SHEEP*** *Symposium, Kananaskis Lodge. Watch future issues for all the details!*

17TH ANNUAL ALBERTA RAM TEST STATION SALE

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A large crowd of buyers and spectators was on hand July 7 at the Olds Cow Palace for the 17th Annual Alberta Ram Test Station Sale. The event, which drew buyers from all across Canada saw some of the best performance tested ram lambs and yearlings in the nation offered for sale. With the reserve bid set at $200, all but 21 of the 68 rams on offer found buyers as gross receipts of $14,480 were obtained. An average price of $310.43 was achieved.

The top indexing and the high selling ram in the sale, which was from the Suffolk flock of Brian Kure of Innisfail, Alberta had an average daily gain of .643 kg. per day (1.41 lbs), and sold for $800 to Walt Strand of Lethbridge, Alberta. Purchases were also made by buyers from Alberta, Manitoba, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia, with six rams going to out of province flocks.

The Alberta Sheep Breeders Trophy for the highest group average A.D.G. on four or more rams went to Gerry Schalin of Olds. His Suffolk rams averaged .605 kg/day. The Canadian Cooperative Wool Growers Trophy for the yearling with the highest overall index on the Wool Breeds test went to Robert and Amy Jackson of Didsbury, Alberta.

One Hundred seventy six rams from 27 contributors were entered on test this year. Only rams above the station average for A.D.G. for their breed are considered for sale each year. A culling committee further rejects rams with incorrect teeth, legs, testicles, etc. from this group, so that this year approximately one third of the animals entered on test made their way through the screening process to the sale.

Ten Rambouillets, one Columbia, one Romney and two Polypays have been entered on the Wool Test for next year.

The following is a summary of the 1991 Ram Test Station results:

BREED	NUMBER COMPLETING TEST	A.D.G. KG/DAY	NUMBER SOLD	AVERAGE PRICE	HIGH PRICE
SUFFOLK	85	.520	28	$299	$800
COLUMBIA	3	.466	*0	----	----
RAMBOUILLET	32	.436	**4	238	300
POLYPAY	14	.401	***0	----	----
DORSET	22	.413	7	261	375
RIDEAU ARCOTT	3	.478	2	215	230
ROMNEY	4	.407	*0	----	----
YEARLINGS	10	----	6	540	725

* 1 ram entered on Wool Breeds Test
** 10 rams entered on Wool Breeds Test
*** 2 rams entered on Wool Breeds Test

The following is a summary of test station results since the first test season in 1975:

	BREEDERS ON PROGRAM	RAMS ENTERED ON TEST	A.D.G. (SUFFOLK RAM LAMBS)	HEAD SOLD	AVERAGE PRICE (ALL RAMS)	TOP PRICE
1975	12	85	.32 Kg	45	$223	$ 525
1976	7	70	.36 Kg	43	$231	$ 450
1977	14	165	.36 Kg	53	$244	$ 500
1978	16	153	.42 Kg	57	$275	$1050
1979	17	123	.49 Kg	52	$331	$ 675
1980	17	101	.48 Kg	44	$323	$ 520
1981	23	102	.48 Kg	40	$375	$ 775
1982	28	115	.47 Kg	49	$387	$1100
1983	38	173	.514 Kg	61	$332	$ 750
1984	37	*228	.550 Kg	72	$384	$1500
1985	38	*202	.534 Kg	61	$421	$1350
1986	28	**238	.516 Kg	51	$416	$ 950
1987	24	**190	.508 Kg	64	$558	$2800
1988	37	*226	.518 Kg	74	$598	$1650
1989	51	*330	.519 Kg	76	$519	$2400
1990	37	*224	.505 Kg	66	$350	$ 900
1991	27	*176	.520 Kg	47	$310	$ 800

* Includes entries on Wool Breeds Test
** Includes entries on Wool Breeds Test and Hays Pasture Test

Test Station organizers wish to thank everyone involved in making the year and the sale such a success. With continued enthusiasm and support of the type evidenced this year, the 1992 season should be another good one for the Alberta Ram Test Station.

Anyone interested in obtaining more detailed information on the 1991 Alberta Ram Test Station should contact Kim Stanford, Sheep Specialist, Alberta Agriculture, Bag Service #1, Airdrie, Alberta T4B 2C1. Phone (403) 948-8517.

1991 Alberta Ram Test Station Sale Results

LOT	BREED	CONTRIBUTOR	PRICE	BUYER
1	Suffolk	Kure	$800	Walt Strand, Lethbridge, AB
2	Polypay	Quinton	----	Passed
3	Dorset	Verweire	$230	Colette Day, Tompkins, SK
4	Polypay	Dole	----	Passed
5	Suffolk	Schalin	$450	Bastiaan Buijs, Didsbury, AB
6	Suffolk	Schalin	$350	Paul Preston, Vauxhall, AB
7	Suffolk	Schalin	$300	Ted Moore, Heffley Ck., B.C.
8	Suffolk	Strand	$375	Leaning Spruce Farms, Bowden, AB
9	Suffolk	Pasichney	$260	Ryan Radke, Craigmyle, AB
10	Dorset	McCart	$350	Irene Rutledge, Monitor, AB
11	Suffolk	Seaborn	$300	Earl Strohschein, Wetaskiwin, AB
12	Suffolk	Strand	$300	Brad Larkins, Vulcan, AB
13	Dorset	Pasichney	$200	Margaret Millar, James River Bridge, AB
14	Suffolk	Strand	$290	Jennifer Hougham, Hay Lakes, AB
15	Rambouillet	Verweire	$300	Jennifer Hougham, Hay Lakes, AB
16	Suffolk	Marler	$280	Ryan Radke, Craigmyle, AB
17	Suffolk	Kure	$310	Leaning Spruce Farms, Bowden, AB
18	Suffolk	Kershaw	$300	Sean Rutledge, Monitor, AB
19	Dorset	McCart	$375	John L. Williams, Ponoka, AB
20	Suffolk	Marler	$200	Doug Hood, Bassano, AB
21	Suffolk	Kure	$260	Paul Preston, Vauxhall, AB
22	Dorset	Lyster	$200	Jim Pearson, Bowden, AB
23	Suffolk	Kure	$300	Lethbridge Research Station, Lethbridge, AB
24	Rambouillet	Verweire	$200	L. Miller, Buck Creek, AB
25	Romney	Sleigh	----	Wool Breeds
26	Suffolk	Kure	$340	Mr. & Mrs. Gernot Zillig, Hants Co., NS
27	Suffolk	Kure	$380	H.L. Notley, Balzac, AB
28	Suffolk	Alexander	$260	Laurie Gillespie, Finnegan, AB
29	Suffolk	Strand	$250	Susan Clark, Hussar, AB
30	Suffolk	Kershaw	$220	H. Edward Fortna, Airdrie, AB
31	Rambouillet	Jackson	$650	Larry Madge, Milk River, AB
32	Rambouillet	Olds College	$475	Michael Monner, Milo, AB
33	Rambouillet	Olds College	$725	Bastiaan Buijs, Didsbury, AB
34	Polypay	Dole	$300	Martin Feddersen, Edwin, MN
35	Rambouillet	Reiberger	$475	Paul Preston, Vauxhall, AB
36	Rambouillet	Olds College	$375	Lethbridge Research Station, Lethbridge, AB
37	Suffolk	Schalin	----	Passed
38	Rambouillet	Verweire	$250	Martin Feddersen, Edwin, MN
39	Dorset	Pasichney	----	Passed
40	Polypay	Quinton	----	Passed
41	Suffolk	Alexander	$350	Jim Pearson, Bowden, AB
42	Rideau Arcott	Olds College	$230	Ryan Radke, Craigmyle, AB
43	Dorset	Verweire	----	Passed
44	Dorset	Lyster	----	Passed

LOT	BREED	CONTRIBUTOR	PRICE	BUYER
45	Suffolk	Kure	$200	Doug Hood, Bassano, AB
46	Polypay	Dole	----	Passed
47	Suffolk	Strand	----	Passed
48	Rambouillet	Verweire	$200	Lethbridge Research Station, Lethbridge, AB
49	Suffolk	Kure	$200	Laurie Gillespie, Finnegan, AB
50	Dorset	McCart	$200	Lethbridge Research Station, Lethbridge, AB
51	Suffolk	Pasichney	----	Passed
52	Dorset	Sleigh	----	Passed
53	Suffolk	Conway	----	Passed
54	Suffolk	Conway	$200	Windsong Farms, Millet, AB
55	Rambouillet	Verweire	----	Passed
56	Polypay	Balderson	----	Passed
57	Rideau Arcott	Olds College	$200	Martin Feddersen, Edwin, MN
58	Suffolk	Kershaw	----	Passed
59	Suffolk	Olds College	----	Passed
60	Suffolk	Strand	$200	Iron Creek Blondes, Bruce, AB
61	Polypay	Balderson	----	Passed
62	Rambouillet	Verweire	----	Passed
63	Suffolk	Alexander	$200	Susan Clark, Hussar, AB
64	Suffolk	Marler	----	Passed
65	Suffolk	Conway	$200	Lethbridge Research Station, Lethbridge, AB
66	Suffolk	Strand	$200	L.W. DeMille, Morrin, AB
67	Dorset	Verweire	----	Passed
68	Dorset	Pasichney	----	Passed
69	Dorset	McCart	$270	Airth Farms Ltd., Brooks, AB

CANADA WEST FOODS CORP.
SUITE 240, 6715 - 8TH STREET N.E., CALGARY, ALBERTA T2E 7H7
PHONE: (403) 295-3838 ▪ FAX (403) 295-1192

CANADA WEST BUYS LAMBCO – WHAT'S IN STORE?

Canada West Foods Corp. of Calgary is pleased to announce its purchase of Innisfail-based Lambco. The new company will operate under the name Canada West Foods (Alberta) Corp.

At Canada West, we recognize that this is a major change for producers who have worked with Lambco in the past. We thought you'd like to learn a bit about Canada West and our plans for the plant and the product line.

Canada West is not a meat packer. We are a market-driven food company with a good track record in developing retail and food service markets, both in Canada and internationally.

With a proven commitment to the Canadian agri-food industry, our success is based on identifying and fulfilling the needs of retail and food service customers and their consumers.

The ink's still drying on the acquisition, but Canada West is already drafting a strategic marketing plan. The goal down the road is to utilize 100% of the Innisfail plant's processing capacity.

How will we do it?

As in the past, Canada West will supply fresh Canadian lamb products. But here's the big difference. Our lamb will not be sold as a commodity, but marketed as a full line of quality, value-added food products, consistently delivered, 365 days a year.

We'll be tailoring lamb cuts to the specialized needs of the retail market. That means more easy to display cuts, strong brand identification, and a **"Fresh Canadian"** image. We'll back the product with strong merchandising and point of sale material.

We'll go after the "light lamb user", consumers who have occasionally enjoyed lamb, but are looking for a lamb product that better suits their needs. The ethnic market will continue to be important as well. The plan is to launch a "user-friendly" product by providing recipes and preparation suggestions and offering smaller cuts with more attractive price points per serving.

To locate the new lamb consumer and provide the right product, Canada West will conduct market research in several major urban centres. We'll be testing consumer preferences for product names, packaging, usage, and price points.

In terms of market share, Alberta is home, and home is the most efficient market to service. But we will also broaden our market share in other parts of the country.

We are optimistic, but we're taking nothing for granted. As we enter new markets with new products, we'll crawl and then walk before we run.

Ultimately, success will depend on meeting market needs — and that process clearly starts at the farm gate. At Canada West, we want to communicate with producers about meeting the demands of the lamb market. Wherever we sell, we must deliver a high quality, consistently-sized product, on time, every time.

Part of this coordination will come from continuity between Lambco and Canada West. Gerry Kelly will continue to operate as the general manager, focusing on sales and distribution.

We are pleased to announce that Ray Fielding has joined the company as operations manager at the plant. Ray brings 30 years' experience in the meat industry, and will be a major asset as Canada West meets the future with new value-added products.

Canada West believes Fresh Canadian Lamb has a promising commercial future, both at home and internationally. By working together, we'll make the most of the opportunity.

CANADA WEST BELIEVES FRESH CANADIAN LAMB HAS A PROMISING COMMERCIAL FUTURE, BOTH AT HOME AND INTERNATIONALLY. BY WORKING TOGETHER, WE'LL MAKE THE MOST OF THE OPPORTUNITY.

SHEEP BREEDERS' TRAVEL MAP

The last two Alberta Sheep Breeders' Travel Maps have been a complete and total success. Since the 1988 issue is now out of stock we are taking this opportunity to update and include the breeders that missed out before.

So we are again offering to our members this useful information packed advertising tool.

The cost is $50.00 per breed advertised on your breeding unit plus 7% G.S.T. Please mail your cheque with the attached form and information as indicated.

ALBERTA SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION
#212, 6715 - 8TH STREET NORTH EAST
CALGARY, ALBERTA T2E 7H7
(403) 295-2185 FAX (403) 275-8009

ALBERTA SHEEP BREEDERS' TRAVEL MAP ADVERTISING FORM

NAME AND FARM NAME: _____

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COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS: _____

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PHONE NUMBER (include area code if not in Alberta)

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DIRECTIONS TO FARM - CONCISE: _____

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BREEDING INFORMATION - NOT MORE THAN 50 WORDS PER BREED:

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* PLEASE WRITE VERY CLEARLY TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING

The cost is **$50 PER BREED** advertised on your breeding unit **PLUS 7% G.S.T.** Please mail your cheque and form to the above address Attn: Gail Dietz **BY AUGUST 25TH, 1991.**

Please feel free to photocopy more copies if needed.

Thank you.

Olde Tyme Sheep Fair

Olds Agricultural Grounds
21 September 1991

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Mike Rieberger
224-3743

ALBERTA'S SHEEP FAIR GOES NATIONAL

OLDS, Alberta--Central Alberta's Olde Tyme Sheep Fair, now in its sixth year, will soon achieve national status as the headquarters of Canada's first National Lamb Carcass Competition. Sponsored by the Canadian Sheep Federation and supported by Agriculture Canada, the competition will offer over $1000 in prize money to Canadian lamb producers.

"Canada's new national lamb classification system," says Will Verboven, manager of the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission, "makes a national competition possible for the first time." This is because, he explains, the new system is largely based on objective measurement.

For the national competition, 85 of a possible 100 points will be based on physical measurements of lean content and rib eye area. The remaining 15 points will concern carcass quality (age, conformation, fat colour and distribution) and will require some subjective assessment on the part of the judges.

Competition carcasses will be judged in the region of origin by Federal graders trained in the new classification system, and the results faxed to the Agriculture Canada Research Station at Lacombe, Alberta. The top two carcasses from each region will be air-freighted to the Olde Tyme Sheep Fair in Olds in time for display and auction on September 21st.

Entries in the Canadian National Lamb Carcass Competition are limited to two lambs from each farm or ranch operation. Alberta producers can obtain entry forms by calling Mike Rieberger, chairman of the Olde Tyme Sheep Fair, at 224-3743.

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CANADIAN SHEEP FEDERATION FEDERATION CANADIENNE DU MOUTON

Technical Support Provided By:
Agriculture Canada

FIRST ANNUAL CANADIAN NATIONAL LAMB CARCASS COMPETITION

• First Prize is $1,000.00
Winning carcasses are to be auctioned after final judging

• Lambs will be assembled, slaughtered and carcasses judged at Provincial / Regional facilities across Canada

• Provincial winning carcasses will be air freighted to Competition Headquarters for final Grand Champion Judging

The "Olde Tyme Sheep Fair" held September 21, 1991 in Olds, Alberta is the competition host and headquarters

• Deadline for entries is August 30, 1991

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND ENTRY FORMS CONTACT:

CANADIAN SHEEP FEDERATION OFFICE

30 Tripp Crescent
Nepean, Ontario K2J 1C6 • Tel: (613) 825-3866
or your provincial sheep organization or sheep specialist or the
Olde Tyme Sheep Fair, R.R. #1, Bowden, Alberta T0M 0K0

CANADIAN SHEEP FEDERATION FEDERATION CANADIENNE DU MOUTON

CANADIAN NATIONAL LAMB CARCASS COMPETITION

1991 ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Farm Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

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No. of Lambs	Breed or Cross	Judging Location	Entry Fee
			$
			$
Total Entry Fee Enclosed			$

Entry fee $15.00/lamb. Limit of two entries per sheep operation.
Rules of entry and judging criteria available on request from the Canadian Sheep Federation office (613) 825-3866 or your Provincial Sheep Association/Organization.

Entry Cheques should be made payable to "Lambs in Trust."
Please complete entry form and mail before 30 August 1991 to:

Linda Rieberger, Treasurer
Olde Tyme Sheep Fair
RR 1
Bowden, Alberta, Canada
TOM OKO

This competition is co-ordinated by The Canadian Sheep Federation and supported by Agriculture Canada. Winning carcasses will be displayed and auctioned September 21st at the Olde Tyme Sheep Fair, Olds, Alberta.

CANADIAN SHEEP FEDERATION FEDERATION CANADIENNE DU MOUTON

CANADIAN NATIONAL LAMB CARCASS COMPETITION

1991 ENTRY RULES

1. Entries are limited to two carcasses per farm or ranch.

2. A non-refundable entry fee of $15.00 per lamb is payable to "Lambs in Trust."

3. The deadline for entries is 30 August 1991.

4. Lambs may be ewes, rams, or wethers.

5. Lambs are permitted a maximum of 1 (one) permanent incisor.

6. Lambs must be slick sheared.

7. All lambs will be photographed live (side and rear views).

8. All lambs officially entered will be assembled at a predetermined time at an officially designated location and facility. (The National/Provincial/Regional committee reserves the right to relocate facilities if numbers dictate.)

9. The slaughter facility will be either Provincially or Federally inspected.

10. All lamb carcasses must pass Provincial or Federal health inspection. "Carcass" means a lamb carcass, but does not include:
    a) the pelt;
    b) the head forward of the first cervical joint;
    c) the hind shank below the ankle joint;
    d) the alimentary canal, liver, spleen, genital tract and genitalia, heart, and lungs;
    e) the membranous portion of the diaphragm;
    f) the heart, cod, or udder fat;
    g) the tail posterior to the third coccyeal vertebrae; and
    h) in the case of a lamb carcass, the fore shank below the break joint.

11. Carcasses will be judged by trained Federal grader/classifiers at designated regional/provincial/federal facilities. Only Federal grader/classifiers who have been trained to use the New National Lamb Carcass Classification Regulations may act as judges.

12. All lamb carcasses must be a minimum of 17.0 kg warm-dressed weight. Any carcasses less than 17.0 kg or any carcasses weighing more than 26.0 kg will be disqualified from the competition. Lamb carcasses scoring a 'C', 'M', or 'Y' will be disqualified from competition (see accompanying Point Formula Chart IV).

13. All judging measurements of GR, Rib Eye, and Carcass Quality will be taken on cold carcasses within 24 to 32 hours of slaughter.

14. Judging Criteria will be as follows:

55 Points	**Carcass lean content calculated using GR measurement (refer to accompanying Point Formula Chart I.)**
15 Points	**Overall Ribeye Area (refer to accompanying Point Formula Chart II).**
15 Points	**GR Measurement (refer to accompanying Point Formula Chart III).**
15 Points	**Carcass Quality (refer to accompanying Point Formula Chart IV).**
100 Points	**Total**

15. Regional judging data will be forwarded by Fax to the judging sub-committee office at the Agriculture Canada Research Station at Lacombe, Alberta.

16. The national judging sub-committee will determine the winning entries.

17. The suggested grand prize for the winning carcass is $1000, with subsidiary prizes.

18. The two carcasses from each regional/provincial location achieving the highest number of points will be air-freighted to the National Competition Headquarters (The Olde Tyme Sheep Fair at Olds, Alberta) for display and auction.

19. Auction proceeds will be the property of the exhibitor minus handling and commission charges.

20. Disposal of all unsuccessful carcasses will be the responsibility of exhibitors.

21. Photographs of live lambs, carcasses, identity of exhibitors and any other relevant data may be used by the National Committee for any research, publicity or any other use as deemed by the National Committee or the Olde Tyme Sheep Fair Committee.

The Classifieds

FOR SALE - SHEEP

FLOCK REDUCTION. Healthy closed flock. High percentage Romney ewes. 1-5 yrs old. Some colored. Producers of award-winning fleeces. Also purebred Romney ram lambs. Henry & Esther Lambert, Hals 1/2 Aker, Winfield, 403-682-3742 (8)

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8 ROMANOV/Suffolk cross ewe lambs. Excellent quality. Isabel Warrington, Olds, 556-3814 (8)

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PUREBRED HAMPSHIRE and Dorset rams & ewes. ROP tested. Randy Yaklin, Beaverlodge, 354-8189 (8)

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PUREBRED SUFFOLK & purebred North Country Cheviot rams. Yearlings to 4 yr olds. Price varies with age. Rick Sandham, Caroline, 722-2440 (8)

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SUFFOLK, DORSET & Suffolk/Dorset cross ewe lambs - $85. Also, yearling Suffolk rams. Dennis, Wild & Wooly Sheep Enterprises, Red Water, 942-4537 (8)

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3 YEAR old registered Dorset ram. Very good bloodlines. Wayne, Calmar, 985-2213 (8)

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BLACK RAM. Ready for breeding this fall. $150. Joanne, Olds, 556-3429 (8)

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REGISTERED POLYPAY rams. Triplet born. 1 - 4 yr old - $350. 1 - 2 yr old - This ram was the highest gaining Polypay in 1989 Olds Ram Test Sale - $450. Both excellent breeders. Also, ram lambs - $350 sired by both rams. Herman, Ardrossan, 922-5973 (8)

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NORTH COUNTRY Cheviots. Registered & grades. Ewes & rams. All ages from lambs to 4 yr olds. Select closed flock on ROP. Lyle Hamer, Red Water, 942-4184 (8)

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60 RAMBOUILLET ewes, 3-4 yr olds; 10 Hampshire ewes, 3-5 yrs old; 2 Rambouillet & 2 Hampshire rams. Complete flock dispersal. Reasonably priced. Top quality. Ron Bruder, Pincher Creek, 627-5141 (8)

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ROMNEY RAM lambs. April '91 born. Susan, Beaverlodge, 354-2047 (8)

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PUREBRED REGISTERED Katahdin hair sheep. $300 & up. Leonard Chouinard, Marie Reine, 322-2170 (8)

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COMPLETE FLOCK dispersal. 70 ewes mostly Suffolk and Suffolk/Romanov cross. 1-4 yrs old - $60 each. 2 purebred Romanov rams, 3 & 4 yrs old - $250 each. 40 ewe lambs, Suffolk & Suffolk/Romanov cross - $75 each. Karen Derr, Gadsby, 674-2414 (8)

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1 REGISTERED Suffolk ram. 2 yrs old (Gloamin 58Y). 2 registered Suffolk yearling rams. 6 registered Dorset yearling rams. 1 Dorset/Hampshire yearling ram. Don Christianson, Ft. Saskatchewan, 998-9062 (8)

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UNUSUAL RARE domestic Barbados blackbelly hair sheep. Breeding stock now available from Stone Farm. Paul, Rocky Mtn House, 845-3421 (8)

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OUR PERFORMANCE from the last three Alberta Test Station trials have made us believe we have good quality breeding stock to offer. We have a good selection of new crop ewe lambs & ram lambs as well as yearling rams. Our animals are ROP and can be purchased as commercials or purebreds. Contact Gerry or Brenda, Shady Lane Sheep Farm, Olds, 556-2802 (8)

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250 SUFFOLK & Suffolk/Hexam/Leister cross ewe lambs. Al Cunningham, Sun-Rock Ranching, Sundre, 638-4188 (8)

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CONSIDER THIS opportunity if you are planning to expand your current flock or are interested in purchasing sheep for the first time. 'Quality' commercial ewe flock of 35 ewes. This flock consists of 20 3-3 1/2 yr old ewes of which 5 are 1/2 Finn/1/2 Dorset and the remaining 15 ewes are are Suffolk cross breeds. These 20 ewes have produced 114 lambs to date. There are 14 replacement ewe lambs (1990) which lambed 164% this past April and 11 of these were born and raised as triplets. All ewes are of multiple births, from a clean and healthy flock with ROP home test records. Our April lamb crop was 200%. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase a young ewe flock where records back up their performance. $3400 takes the flock. Earl Misener, Rocky Mtn House, 845-6879 (After 5 PM) (8)

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PUREBRED RAMBOUILLET rams - $200 & up. Delbert & Gerald Drever, Maple Creek, Sask., (306) 662-3885 or (306) 662-3190 (8)

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RAMS, LAMBS & ewes - approximately 80 head. Suffolk cross - $50 a head if you buy whole works. Can sell separately. Bob Lorenz, Airdrie, 948-5767 (After 7 PM) (8)

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PUREBRED FINN rams & ram lambs. 1/2 Finn, 1/2 Dorset ram lambs. 10 purebred Finn ewes. John, Didsbury, 335-9155 (8)

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ROMANOV CROSS ram lambs and ewe lambs from healthy flock - $80-$110. Also registered Suffolk ewes - $225. All animals are vaccinated and dewormed. Records available. Karen or John, High Prairie, 523-3795 (8)

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12 SUFFOLK & Suffolk cross ewes. 4 are covered for September lambing. Bill & Kathy Eldridge, Tofield area, 662-2748 (8)

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1 REGISTERED Romanov ram. 4 yrs old. Delyn or Betty, Clive, 784-3844 (8)

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REGISTERED KATAHDIN haired sheep. Ewes, rams & lambs. $400 - $500. Call 359-2519 (8)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL - Suffolk & Finn cross. 19 ewes 2-5 yrs old - $90 each, 40 March born lambs, 5 - 2 yr old cross rams - $125 each and 1 - 3 yr old Finn ram - $150. All wormed, vaccinated, sheared and healthy. Garry, Lamont, 895-2780 (8)

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50 EWE lambs - 3/4 Suffolk, 1/4 Romancv. Lambing percentage 198%. Clean herd. Gloria, Gadsby, 574-3941 (8)

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DISPERSING. QUALITY registered Suffolks. Nov '89 ewe and her two Apr '91 ram lambs, Matejka breeding. Feb '91 ewe lamb Waco x Matejka breeding - dam was second high selling ewe lamb at 1989 Farmfair. Call Noreen, Tofield, 672-9308 (8)

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COMPLETE DISPERSAL. We are moving and have decided to sell our Romney & Columbia flock. We have worked hard & have built this flock into a sound flock which we are proud. This flock has been tested for media visna & brucella ovis. We have culled hard & heavy over the years & all animals will be garanteed sound. All sheep are purebred & registered & our Romneys are mostly imported New Zealand bloodlines, & it is also one of the larger Romney flocks in Canada. Many champion rams and ram lambs have come out of our flock as well as best Canadian flock at the PNE in Vancouver. We also have the high selling ram at Canadian Western Agribition, which sold to England for $4000.00. Also with the ram we sold 10 ewes. Interested parties may contact us at their convenience for more information. Call, write or fax us at Windhaven Acres, c/o Doreen & Garry Schneider, Box 1680, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7K 3R8, phone (306) 668-2154 or fax (306) 934-0813 (After 6PM is preferred) (8)

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2 PUREBRED Suffolk rams. 2 & 3 yrs old - $100 each. Bowden, 556-8095 (8)

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REGISTERED POLYPAY rams on ROP. New bloodlines imported from eastern Montana. Blake Dole, Didsbury, 335-9127 (8)

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CAMPSIE COVE Mini Farm has purebred Finn ram & ewe lambs. Robert, Barrhead, 674-2968 (8)

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SELLING OUT 70 good quality young Suffolk cross ewes. Excellent lambing records. $75 each OBO. Gus Schroeder, Edmonton, 988-5698 (8)

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DORSET RAMS. Also a few ewe lambs. Gordon Fulton, Bowden, 224-3753 (8)

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30 MATURE rams. Finns, Columbia and Finn crosses ie Suffolk, Dorset, Rambouillet, Romney & Cheviot. Also Finn & Finn cross ram lambs. Twins & triplets only. Prices start at $60. 20 Finn cross ewe lambs & ram - $1550. 10 Finn cross yearling ewes & ram - $775, twins & triplets only. Records available, over 200% lamb crop. Silver Birch Stock Farm, 8 AM - 7 PM Weekdays, 785-2837, Cherhill (8)

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28 RAMBOUILLET ewes with lamb and 1 ram. Sylvia Hannaford, Delburne, 749-2293 (9)

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2 PUREBRED Romanov rams - $150 each. Lloyd, Stony Plain, 963-4406 (9)

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SMALL FLOCK dispersal. Purebred Dorsets (ram lambs available). Brenda or Wayne, Calmar, 985-2213 (evenings) (9)

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DORSET/SUFFOLK cross ram lambs. Serge Richer, Ardrossan, 922-5767 (9)

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MANAGEABLE FLOCK of 30 ewes, Rambouillet/Finn cross. 18 ewe lambs, Cheviot sired. Selling whole flock for $2650. Harmony, Hythe, 356-2635 (9)

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PROVEN PUREBRED Romanov ram. Ag Canada breeding. Tracy, Bittern Lake, 352-4372 (9)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL - 58 ewes, white & black faced, 1 yr old & up. Lambed at 177%. 1 ram, 1 yr old - 1/2 Suffolk, 1/4 Finn, 1/4 Dorset - $3500. Also available 51 ewe lambs, 3 ram lambs (1 is a quad). Ken & Doris Blair, Lac La Biche, 623-4887 (9)

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ROMANOV RAM lamb. Purebred - born 1st Jan '91 - $150. D.Y. Admas, Creston, B.C. (604) 428-7840 (9)

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STARTER FLOCK - 16 Suffolk & Suffolk cross ewes including 4 registered. 12 Romanov cross ewe lambs. 1 registered ram lamb (Suffolk). Alison, Taylor, B.C. (604) 789-3728 (9)

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MOVING - MUST sell flock of registered Columbias & Suffolks. Priced to sell. Jelaine, Innisfail, 227-1519 or Clive, 784-3620 (9)

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10 PUREBRED registered North Country Cheviot ewes, 10 purebred Suffolk ewes, 30 commercial ewes, 4 registered North Country Cheviot rams, 1 Romanov/Suffolk cross ram. Lori, Stettler, 742-1854 (9)

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75 EWES - 2, 3 & 4 yrs old, Suffolk cross. Asking $70. W. Wascherol, Mannville, 763-2288 (Evenings) (9)

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CLUN FOREST flock dispersal. A few ewes & ram lambs. Best quality. Don Spicer, Cochrane, 262-5717 (days) or 932-4262 (evenings) (9)

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REGISTERED HAMPSHIRE rams - 1-4 yr old, 2-1 yr old, 2 ram lambs born Apr 15/91. Ian Sall, Muntney, B.C. (604) 827-3295 (9)

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DISPERSAL - 200+ Suffolk & Suffolk cross ewes. Available approx. mid-Sept '91. Hair sheep rams. Sardinian/Mouflon, Katahdin/Mouflon/Barbados/Romanov crosses, only triplets from ewes that were able to raise them were kept as rams. Ron, Sundre, 638-2836 (9)

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REGISTERED RIDEAU Arcott spring ewe lambs & ram lambs. Frank Bertels, Okotoks, 938-7741 (9)

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KATAHDIN HAIR sheep - 12 3/4 Katahdin, 1/4 Suffolk cross ewe lambs. 3 purebred yearling rams. Rod, Bonnyville, 826-5783 (9)

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25 SUFFOLK cross ewes. 2-4 yrs old from closed flock. Records available, full vaccination & disease prevention program. We are reducing our flock. $80/ewe. Purebred rams. Suffolk 3 yr old and North Country Cheviot 2 yr old. $200/ram. Calgary area, 272-9090 (9)

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GOING STRICTLY registered Polypay ewes. Crossbred ewes & ewe lambs. If no answer, leave message on machine & I will return your call. Keith, Onoway, 967-3401 (9)

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MOVING - MUST SELL. Suffolk cross ewes - yearlings to 5 yrs old. 1 registered Dorset ram, 1 Suffolk ram, 1 Suffolk ram lamb. Purebred Australian Kelpie free to purchaser. Kiwi Station, Blackie, 684-3503 (9)

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37 YOUNG purebred Suffolk ewes. Excellent breeding stock. Dewormed & vaccinated. Reasonably priced. Linda, Hay Lakes, 878-3784 (9)

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LARGE & tall 3 1/2 yr old purebred & papered Suffolk rams. Easy lambing, but still have good growthy lambs on simple diet. Sire - Stadeli 943. Dam - All Wind Cora $200. Judy, MacQueen Sheep, Innisfree, 592-2167 (9)

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SIX OF 15/16 pure Romanov ewe lambs. Twins & triplets. Born in March. Nancy Peterson, Dawson Creek, B.C. (604) 789-3135 (9)

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REGISTERED ROP Hampshire rams & ewes. Albert Smith, 100 Mile House, B.C. (604) 395-3508 (9)

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325 EWES, 10 rams. Some purebreds, some grades. Eldwin, Ft. Assiniboine, 584-3783 (9)

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17 COLUMBIA wether butcher lambs. 1 ram lamb. Elise, Lac La Biche, 623-2511 (9)

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5 PUREBRED Polypay ram lambs. $100 each. Dalint Sheep Feedlot, Linden, 546-2618 (9)

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COMPLETE FLOCK dispersal. 150 Suffolk ewes - $75. 270 lambs Suffolk & Romanov cross (1/2 rams & 1/2 ewe lambs). Ewe lambs will make excellent breeding stock. Very reasonably priced. Richard Cadieux, Lac La Biche, 623-4944 (leave message on machine) (9)

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2 YR old Suffolk rams. 2 yr old Romanov ram. Also ewe lambs. Jim & Joanne Pearson, Bowden, 224-3026 (9)

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TWO PUREBRED Hampshire rams. A 5 yr old & a 2 yr old. From a clean flock. $125 each. Darwell, 892-3445 (9)

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FOR SALE - GOATS

HERD DISPERSAL - 74 Angora goats. Heart's Delight and Baby bloodlines. Excellent quality. Terms available. J. Hansen, Rose Prairie, B.C., (604) 827-3238 (8)

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REGISTERED PUREBRED Nubian buck & doe kids, disbudded & tattooed - $150 each. J. Benger, Drayton Valley, 727-2491 (8)

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1 1/2 YEAR old Saanen buck from good milking lines - $200. 3 month old Saanen buck kid - $150. (Tatooed and papered) Also have several Angora does and doe kids - $100-$150. Karen, High Prairie, 523-3795 (8)

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MUST SELL! Purebred pygmies - 2 does, 2 doelings and 1 buckling. Karen, Edmonton, 472-9109 (8)

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3 BILLY goats. Elise, Lac La Biche, 623-2511 (9)

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2 ALPINE milking does, 1 bred Alpine doe. Good milk lines. Linda, Hay Lakes, 878-3784 (9)

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3 HEALTHY, young Saanen milking does. Tattooed & papered. 1 papered Saanen doe born in Oct '90. 4 young Saanen does born this spring. Erika Vester, Carstairs, 337-2496 (H) or Olds, 556-2299 (W) (9)

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FOR SALE - DOGS

6 AUSTRALIAN Shepherd pups. Born Jan 27/91. 2 are black tri, 1 male and 1 female and 4 are blue merle, all male. All shots. Have worked. $175 each. Call Polly, Dawson Creek, B.C. area (604) 759-4942 or Amber, Beaverlodge, 354-8591 (8)

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GREAT PYREENES puppies. Excellent farm & sheep guardians. Registered shots. Males only. Ready now. Helen or Robin, Strathmore, 934-2778 (8)

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ONE FEMALE puppy from Great Pyreenes working parents. Bonnie, Clive, 784-3695 (8)

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REGISTERED BORDER Collie pups. Born June 8, ready to go July 30. Parents are excellent stock dogs. Brother from previous leader can also be seen working. Linda Wheatley, Bawlf, 373-2460 (8)

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BORDER COLLIE pups. Albert Smith, 100 Mile House, B.C. (604) 395-3508 (9)

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BORDER COLLIE pups. Top breed working dogs, Ron, Sundre, 638-2836 (9)

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REGISTERED BORDER Collie puppies. Sire - Jeff - World Champion and Tina - imported. Excellent working stock dogs. Winston Curtis, Winfield, 682-2124 (9)

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FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS

JOHN DEERE 750 mixer mill with power bale feeder, 4 screens, hay knives & long unloading auger. Ideal to chop feed and mix grain, also 3 self feeders for chopped feed. Will handle 180 ewes. Rick Sandham, Caroline, 722-2440 (8)

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BLACK & GREY fleeces. 2 inoculating guns. Bill & Kathy Eldridge, Tofield Area, 662-2748 (8)

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SHEEP SHED with built in lambing pens & feeders with outside access doors - $1500. Harmony, Hythe, 356-2635 (9)

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525 ACRE farm. 427 open. Good home & out buildings. Could be adapted to any kind of farming operation. Eldwin, Ft. Assiniboine, 584-3783 (9)

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1/4 SECTION, Hythe area. 9 yr old house - 5 bedrooms. Large sheep barn, power & water in barn. Security fencing, 7 strand hi-tensile. Catherine Nolan, Hythe, 356-2778 (9)

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ROMANOV RAM with excellent bloodlines **FOR** quality Dorset perferably on ROP. Kathryn Kennedy Potts, Shellbrooke, Sask. (306) 747-2981 (After 7 PM) (9)

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3 REGISTERED Romnay rams, 2 registered Romney ewes, 2 purebred Romney ram lambs unregistered to sell **OR TRADE** for Suffolk ewes. J. Thiessen, Grimshaw, 971-2493 (9)

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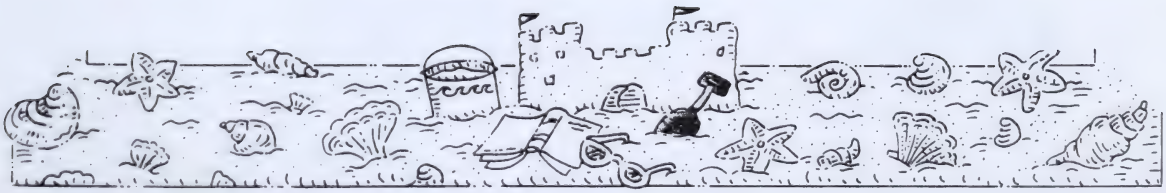

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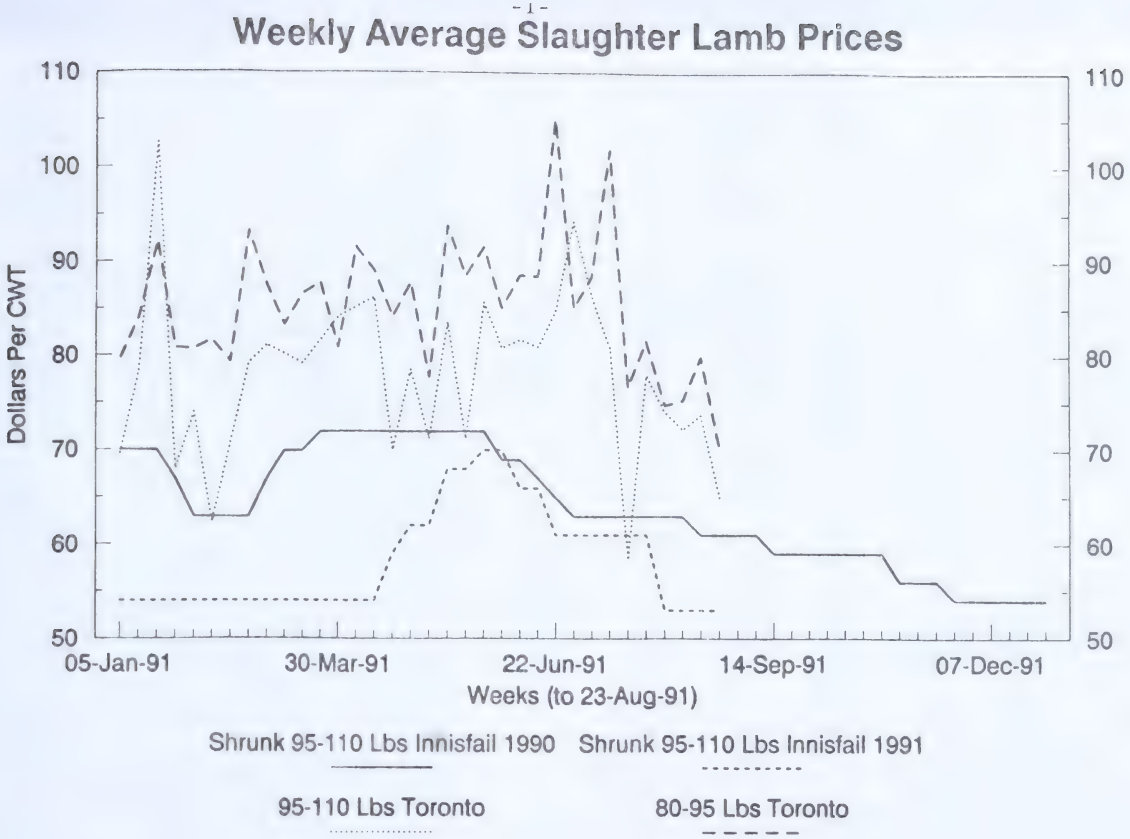

Canada West Foods, in Innisfail, the bids for shrunk lambs fell from $61 to $53 per cwt this month. The plant continues to booked up for deliveries of lambs well into the fall.

At Fort Macleod, slaughter lambs weighing 95 to 120 pounds were sold from $53 to $55 per cwt for export into the U.S. market. Lamb prices at the Edmonton auction slumped on rising volumes. Slaughter lamb prices ranged from $40 to $45 per cwt, while feeder lambs went for $35 to $45 per cwt. In Toronto, 80 pound and over slaughter lamb prices have averaged in the $65 to $80 per cwt range over the month.

U.S. lamb markets have been mixed over the past month with wholesale markets resisting higher prices, despite tighter supplies of carcasses over 65 pounds. Slaughter lamb markets saw seasonally lower prices during August, with some upward pressure becoming apparent as slaughter volumes lag behind last year's levels. San Angelo slaughter lambs are currently selling for approximately $61 per cwt in Canadian equivalent dollars.

The relatively large volumes of light lambs currently being sold in the U.S. markets, could lead to tighter supplies of heavy lambs at the end of the year. Slaughter lamb prices are likely to slip further this fall, and then surge up toward the beginning of the new year. Feeder lamb prices may make small gains, but these gains won't be significant until slaughter markets turn around.

AUGUST 16, 1991

REPRESENTATIVE LIVE SALES

AREA	TYPE OF SHEEP	TYPE OF SALE	HEAD	LBS.	WEIGHING CONDITIONS	PRICE ($/CWT.)
WEST COAST						
Washington	Spring	Direct	976	100-120	Choice & prime, wooled, FOB 3-4%, dis.und.110	50.00-53.00
California	Feeder	Auction	300	80-100	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled	45.00-49.75
California	Sl. Ewe	Auction	175		Utility & good, No. 1-2 pelts	17.00-23.60
MOUNTAIN						
Colorado	Spring	Auction	500	108-137	Choice & prime, Wooled & shorn	54.25-58.00
Idaho	Spring	Teleauction	1600	115-125	Choice & prime, wooled, FOB overnight	56.50-57.50
Idaho	Spring	Teleauction	800	100-105	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled, FOB overnight	54.00-55.00
Montana	Feeder	Auction	1160	70-100	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled	45.75-52.75
Montana	Feeder	Direct	3250	70-100	Choice & fancy, Spring wooled, FOB overnight	49.00-51.25
Colorado	Feeder	Auction	600	72-106	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled	51.00-55.00
Montana	Sl.Ewe	Auction	600		Utility & good, No. 1-2 pelts	15.25-25.50
Montana	Sl.Ewe	Auction	200		Cull, No. 1-2 pelts	10.50-17.00
Colorado	Sl.Ewe	Auction	550		Utility & good, No. 1-2 pelts	19.00-22.00
Idaho	Sl.Ewe	Teleauction	800		Utility & good, Cull $8 dis.overnight	24.00
Idaho	Sl. Ewe	Direct	282		Utility & mostly good, No. 1-2 pelts, overnight	22.00
Idaho	St. Ewe	Direct	600		Yearling whiteface ewes (per head)	87.50
SOUTH CENTRAL						
Texas	Spring	Direct	7,000	105-120	Choice & prime, No. 1-2 pelts, guar. 51%	52.00-55.00
N.Mexico	Spring	Direct	2,000	110-125	Choice & prime, No. 1-2 pelts, FOB 4% shr.	54.00-56.00
Texas	Feeder	Direct	5,000	70- 90	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled, equiv.3% shr.	52.00-54.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	800	30- 60	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled, San Angelo	51.00-57.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	3000	60- 90	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled, San Angelo	52.00-55.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	1000	90-100	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled, San Angelo	53.00-56.50
Kansas	Feeder	Auction	240	50-100	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled	46.50-55.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	600	60- 85	Choice, Spring, wooled, Goldthwaite	48.00-52.50
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	3300		Good, No. 1-2 pelts, San Angelo/Goldthwaite	22.00-35.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	2000		Utility, No. 1-2 pelts, San Angelo	21.50-32.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	1270		Cull, No. 1-2 pelts, San Angelo/Goldthwaite	11.00-22.00
Texas	St. Ewe	Auction	150		Baby tooth to solid mouth, No. 1-2 pelts (per hd.)	32.00-42.50
Texas	St. Ewe	Auction	480		Baby tooth to solid mouth,San Angelo,1-2(per hd.)	40.00-49.00
NORTH CENTRAL						
Iowa	Spring	Auction	875	87-165	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn, Kalona	50.50-57.50
Illinois	Spring	Auction	530	110-150	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn	44.50-56.00
Iowa	Spring	Auction	250	100-140	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn, Sioux City	52.25-57.00
IA-S.MN	Spring	Direct	7500	100-150	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn, 4%	48.00-57.00
IA/IL/DAK	Spring	Computer	825	116-118	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn,.20 dis.und.0	51.50-53.50
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	1300	106-127	Choice & prime, No. 1-2 pelts	53.80-61.25
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	1180	104-135	Choice & prime, wooled	52.50-59.50
Minnesota	Spring	Auction	1000	95-130	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn	50.00-57.00
Iowa	Feeder	Auction	435	60- 96	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled, Kalona	41.00-49.50
Iowa	Feeder	Auction	200	60- 90	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled, Sioux City	49.00-53.50
Missouri	Feeder	Auction	1410	40- 95	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled	41.00-48.75
S. Dakota	Feeder	Auction	320	70- 95	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled	46.00-51.75
Illinois	Feeder	Auction	200	60-100	Choice & fancy, Spring, wooled	35.00-43.00
Iowa	Sl. Ewe	Auction	296		Utility & good, No. 1-2 pelts	15.00-25.25
Minnesota	Sl. Ewe	Auction	230		Utility & good, No. 1-2 pelts	18.00-24.00
Missouri	Sl. Ewe	Auction	420		Utility & good, No. 1-2 pelts	12.00-26.00
Missouri	St. Ewe	Auction	100		Two year to solid mouth ewes, No. 1-2 pelts (per hd.)	44.00
EASTERN						
Kentucky	Spring	Auction	760	115-140	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn	53.00-57.00
Penn.	Spring	Auction	300	70-105	Choice & prime, wooled	53.00-60.00
Penn.	Spring	Auction	150	55- 70	Choice & prime, wooled	55.00-65.00
Virginia	Spring	Graded	453	95-125	Choice & prime, wooled	48.50
Virginia	Spring	Auction	305	95-125	Choice & prime, wooled	44.00-48.50
Virginia	Sl. Ewe	Auction	172		Cull to good, No. 1-2 pelts	10.00-13.00
Penn.	Sl. Ewe	Auction	450		Utility & good, No. 1-2 pelts	15.00-25.00
Virginia	St. Ewe	Graded	128		Mixed aged ewes, No. 1-2 pelts, (per head)	24.00-36.00

Carcasses ***Certified*** by USDA Week Ending 8-09-91: 1,175. Note: this is only about 12% of ***Certified*** for the week. Total not available.

Certified American Lamb Premiums: Quoted Prices Over Standard Cuts

Carcass on Rail	+ $ .05-.10	Trimmed Shouders	+ $ .09-.15
Carcass 3-Way	+ $ .10-.15	Trimmed Loins	+ $ .08-.22
Trimmed Legs	+ $ .11-.15	Hotel Racks	+ $ .10-.15

Some discounts noted on larger orders of ***Certified*** American lamb.

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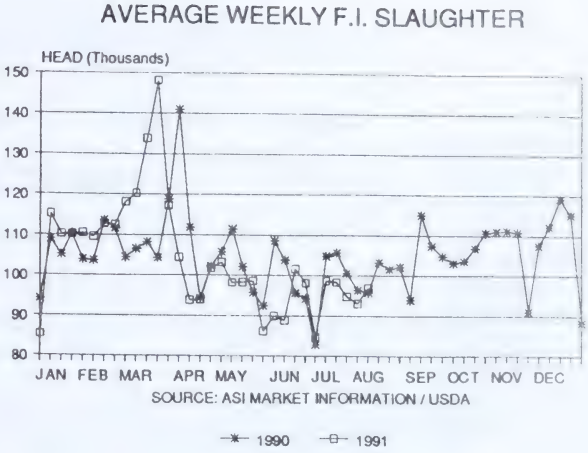
FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER (Head)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 07/27/91 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1991 vs 1990 TOTAL
SHEEP	97,000	+4.3	-6.1	94,814	3,418,000	-0.7
CATTLE	654,000	+6.2	+1.2	615,068	20,088,000	-3.0
CALF	24,000	0.0	-25.7	25,862	855,000	-22.5
HOGS	1,649,000	+10.8	+3.0	1,475,599	51,668,000	+1.3

RED MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 07/20/91 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1991 vs 1990 TOTAL
LAMB	6.0	+4.8	-4.8	6.1	220.1	-0.6
BEEF	461.6	+6.8	+2.8	455.1	13,989.6	-0.4
VEAL	4.8	-1.1	-18.6	4.7	179.2	-2.5
PORK	296.8	+10.7	+2.8	271.1	9,356.1	+2.1
TOTAL	769.2	+8.2	+2.6	736.9	23,745.0	+0.5

DRESSED WEIGHT			PERCENT LAMB SLAUGHTER	
THIS WEEK (EST.)	62	07/27/91	93.8	
07/20/91 (ACT.)	63	07/28/90	93.5	



WHOLESALE LAMB MARKET

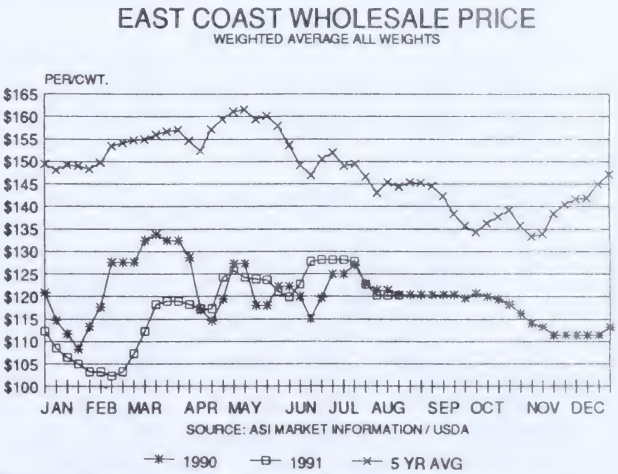
	55 lbs-down	55-65 lbs	65-75 lbs
NORTHEAST	$1.15	$1.20	$1.23
FOB RIVER	$1.10	$1.15	$1.18

LESS THAN CARLOT

LOS ANGELES	$1.14*	$1.20**	$1.22
BAY AREA	$1.18*	$1.23**	$1.25
NORTHWEST	$1.18*	$1.23**	$1.25

* 60 lbs. & down ** 60-65 lbs.

Compared to last week, carlot prices for carcass lambs in the Northeast were fully steady. Some stronger asking prices for carcasses more than 65 lbs. were successfully resisted by buyers. Prices for 75-85 lb. carcasses in the Northeast settled at $1.20. Demand and offerings were light to moderate; movement slow. Carlot prices in the Midwest also settled steady. On the West Coast, prices for carcass lambs settled steady.

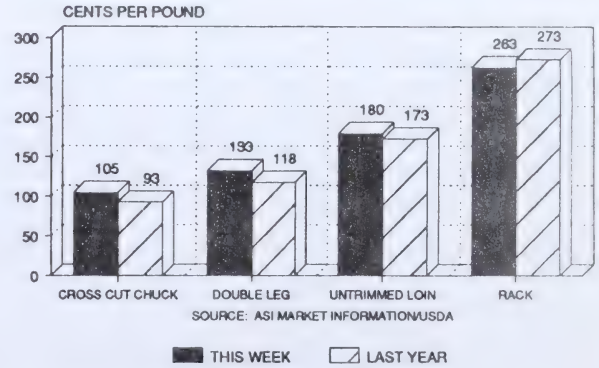


DISTRIBUTIVE CUT MARKET & RETAIL FEATURE ACTIVITY

ITEM	NORTH-EAST	BAY AREA	LOS ANGELES	NORTH WEST
CHUCK CROSS CUT	$1.00-1.10	No Quote	No Quote	No Quote
CHUCK SQUARE CUT	No Quote	$1.26*	$1.10-1.25*	$1.18-1.28*
SINGLE LEG	No Quote	$1.62*	$1.46-1.75*	$1.60-1.77*
DOUBLE LEG	$1.20-1.45	$1.49	$1.45-1.55	No Quote
LOIN	$1.60-1.99	$3.40*	$3.15-3.45*	$3.25-3.30*
RACK 7 UP	$2.45-2.80	$2.90*	$2.15-2.70*	$2.85*
FORE SADDLE	No Quote	$1.40	$1.45-1.55	No Quote
HIND SADDLE	No Quote	$1.65	$1.60-1.65	No Quote

* Trimmed and/or vacuumed packed

Lamb cuts in the Northeast continued to meet very light demand, but light offerings were able to push prices somewhat higher on many cuts. Cross-cut chucks and double legs ranged steady to $ .10 cents higher; hotel racks were mostly $ .05 higher with 7/Up racks instances of $ .11 cents higher and 7/Down racks $ .04 cents lower; loins were mostly steady. In the Northwest, chuck prices were $ .03 higher; oven-ready legs and loins $ .18 higher; hotel racks $ .11 higher. In the Bay Area, prices for lamb cuts were unchanged from last week. In Los Angeles, prices for hindsaddles were steady to $ .10 higher; legs and loins steady to $ .05 higher; chucks steady, forequarters steady to $ .10 lower.



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PRICE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT C.W.F.C.

	WEEK 1	WEEK2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON						
AUG 1991	53.00	53.00	53.00	53.00		53.00
LAST MON						
JUL 1991	58.00-61.00	58.00-61.00	58.00-61.00	58.00-61.00		58.00-61.00
YR AGO MON						
AUG 1990	60.00-63.00	60.00-63.00	58.00-61.00	58.00-61.00		59.00-62.00
VOLUMES						
AUG 1991	1,307	1,443	1,325	1,587		5,662
AUG 1990	1,720	1,555	1,269	1,381		5,925

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	62.00-102.00	65.00-80.00	69.00-83.00	53.00-76.00		
AUG 1991	(74.10)	(72.25)	(73.80)	(65.03)		69.60
LAST MON	73.00-97.00	74.00-84.00	51.00-73.00	73.00-87.00		
JUL 1991	(86.44)	(80.96)	(58.41)	(77.98)		78.90
YR AGO MON	70.00-80.00	83.00-89.00	80.00-88.00	74.00-77.00		
AUG 1990	(75.17)	(85.00)	(81.55)	(75.13)		80.44
AUG/91 VOLUME	68	48	20	113		249
AVG WEIGHT	99.4	98.6	104	65.03		

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 80-95 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	60.00-89.00	60.00-91.00	65.00-96.00	64.00-94.00		
AUG 1991	(74.82)	(75.28)	(79.93)	(70.31)		74.74
LAST MON	75.50-118.00	72.00-104.00	70.00-94.00	70.00-100.00		
JUL 1991	(88.52)	(101.82)	(76.75)	(81.61)		87.68
YR AGO MON	70.00-90.00	N.E.P.	75.00-99.00	70.00-92.00		
AUG 1990	(79.48)		(85.76)	(82.81)		83.27
AUG/91 VOLUME	157	122	119	157		555
AVG WEIGHT	85.4	85.6	86.5	92		

Prices quoted for 95-110 lb lambs are bid prices at C.W.F.C. and auction prices at Toronto Public Stockyards for good quality lambs. The lower end of the Alberta price range reflects bids for short haul unshrunk lambs, while the upper end of the range represents bids for long haul or shrunk lambs. Producers delivering to the Toronto Public Stockyards pay commission and yardage fees for each animal sold. Producers delivering to C.W.F.C. pay $1/head checkoff to the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission.

The Toronto auction price is from the Special Sheep and Lamb Sale held on Monday each week.

N.E.P. - No established price

C.W.F.C. - Canada West Foods Corporation, Innisfail, Alberta

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September 14	***DAWSON CREEK*** *11th Annual Registered Ram Sale at Patterson's Auction Mart Ltd. Also selling grade ewe lambs, ewes and a large number of fat and feeder lambs. For further information regarding ram sale call C.A. Fraser (604) 843-7430 or regarding grade stock sale call Jim Henderson (604) 782-1431.*
September 17	***SHEEP & GOAT SALE,*** *Saskatchewan Building, Lloydminster Exhibition Grounds, Lloydminster. Open to all classes of sheep and goats, purebred and commercial. Contact Lloydminster Exhibition Association, Box 690, Lloydminster, Saskatchewan S9V OY7, (306) 825-5571.*
September 19	***NORTH-CENTRAL*** *Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Special Ewe Sale. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. All sales being at 1 P.M. For additonal information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), R R #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*
September 20-21	***DOG TRIALS*** *at Olde Tyme Sheep Fair, Olds. Novice/Novice and Pro/Novice. Call Murray, 335-4550.*
September 21	***OLDE TYME*** *Sheep Fair, Olds Agricultural Grounds. Entry forms for the competitions, booth rentals, and the ewe lamb sale are available from the Olde Tyme Sheep Fair committee. Further information can be obtained by calling Mike Rieberger at 224-3743.*
September 21	***21ST ANNUAL*** *West Central Alberta Sheep & Lamb Sale. 1 P.M., Sekura Auctions, Drayton Valley.*
September 22	***DOG TRIALS*** *at Pasu Farms, Carstairs. Open class. Call Ron at 638-2836.*
September 24	***CAMROSE SHEEP*** *Producers Club. Organizational Meeting. 7:30 P.M., Alberta Agriculture office in Camrose. New members welcome. Contact Gwen Stuckey at 373-2616 or Jane Bruns at 373-3891.*

September 28	***MONTHLY SHEEP*** *and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
October 3	***NORTH-CENTRAL*** *Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Special Goat Sale including breeding stock. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. All sales being at 1 P.M. For additonal information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), R R #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*
October 11	***ATTENTION ALL*** *sheep producers in the Stony Plain area. A meeting will be held to organize a sheep producers group at the Stony Plain Provincial Building at 7:30 P.M. Anyone interested in sheep production and marketing is encouraged to attend. For further information contact Lillian Chileen at 961-2450 or Kathy Playdon at 963-0416.*
October 24	***NORTH-CENTRAL*** *Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Special ewe sale. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. All sales being at 1 P.M. For additonal information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), R R #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*
October 26	***HERDING CLINIC.*** *Rick Pinney from Washington. 1:00 P.M. Red Water. Lyn Ferris, 942-4537. $25.00 participant or $10.00 spectator. 6:00 P.M. Lamb BBQ & hayride.*
October 26	***MONTHLY SHEEP*** *and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
October 27	***WILDROSE ALL*** *Breed Herding Classic. 10:00 A.M. Sponsored by Australian Shepherd Club of Alberta ASCA sanction pending. Red Water. Lyn Ferris, 942-4537. Ducks - $15.00, Sheep - $20.00. Forty runs on each. 8 classes included started, open & advanced. Judge - Rick Pinney, Langley, Washington. For more information contact Jane Kerner at 227-2400.*

October 29	***CAMROSE SHEEP*** *Producers Club. Election Night. 7:30 P.M., Alberta Agriculture office in Camrose. New members welcome. Contact Gwen Stuckey at 373-2616 or Jane Bruns at 373-3891.*
November 12-16	***FARM FAIR*** *1991. Tuesday, November 12 - Purebred Sheep Show, 9:00 A.M. Wednesday, November 13 - Junior Sheep Show, 9:00 A.M. Friday, November 15 - Purebred Sheep Sale, 3:00 P.M. and Saturday, November 16 - Sheep Shearing Competition, 1:00 P.M.*
November 14	***NORTH-CENTRAL*** *Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. All sales being at 1 P.M. For additonal information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), R R #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*
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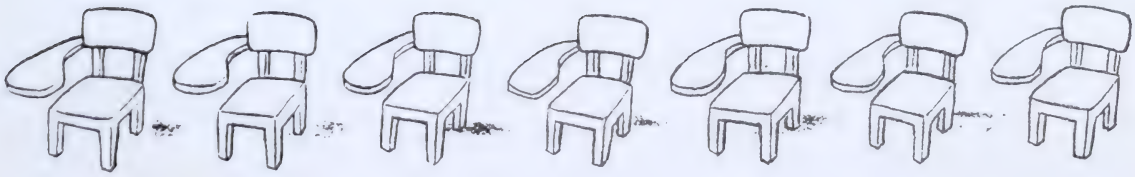
November 30	***MONTHLY SHEEP*** *and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
December 5-7	***1991 SHEEP*** *Symposium, Kananaskis Lodge. Information available in this issue.*



1991 ALBERTA SHEEP SYMPOSIUM

This years Symposium will be held at the Kananaskis Lodge on December 5 to 7. The room and meal rates are very similar to what you paid in 1989. The rates are $76.00 a day per person based on double occupancy or $107.00 a day per person based on single occupancy.

The format for this years Symposium will follow past Symposiums. The Symposium will begin with a reception on Thursday, December 5. The Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission is planning a question and answer period during the reception. The delegates will be addressed by a group of local and international speakers starting Friday. There will be two speakers in the morning and two speakers in the afternoon.

A lamb banquet will be held on Friday, December 6. The keynote speaker for after the banquet will be the Minister of Agriculture, the Honourable Ernie Isley. Saturday December 7 will see four speakers addressing Symposium delegates. The Symposium will wrap up by 4:30 P.M. and people can head for home or the ski slopes.

This years Symposium will include speakers addressing topics such as food safety and animal welfare along with sheep production topics such as accelerated lambing and newborn lamb survival. This years Symposium should prove thought provoking and entertaining.

The October issue of Sheep Footnotes will be devoted to all the Symposium details.

Hope to see you there.

Wray Whitmore
Chairman 1991
Alberta Sheep Symposium

Olde Tyme Sheep Fair

Olds Agricultural Grounds
21 September 1991

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Mike Rieberger
(403) 224-3743

OLDS, Alberta--Plans for the sixth annual Olde Tyme Sheep Fair are going well, according to Mike Rieberger, chairman of the many committees devoted to organizing the sheep event of the year. The popular fair will be held this year at the Olds Agricultural Grounds, and will showcase the sheep industry from dawn to dusk September 21st.

"Entries are coming in for all the major events," reports Mr. Rieberger. "The Shepherd's Competitions, the Stock Dog Trials, and the Ewe Lamb Sale are all on track. We're getting a lot of interest in the National Lamb Carcass Competition. It's the first Canada's ever had, and it should be a big one. We've had inquiries from BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and PEI, so it's really caught the country's imagination. It's going to be good for Alberta."

Entries for the smaller competitions are also going well, particularly for the Bench Show of Wool Crafts, the Photography Contest, and the Fleece Competition. "The Colouring Contest has been a big hit," chuckles Mr. Rieberger. "I don't know how many hundreds of youngsters have coloured a sheep picture for us this year. I feel sorry for the judge."

"The Fashion Show is the easiest to organize" says Mr. Rieberger, "and the Sheep-to-Shawl Contest the toughest. It takes both spinners and weavers to make a team, to say nothing of the shearer and the sheep, so we have to work to get everyone together. There's been some interest, though, and we're looking forward to getting more entries. The contest is a lot of fun."

Mr. Rieberger thinks the later date for the Sheep Fair will make it easier for the farming community to take part in the festivities. "And easier for the public, too," he says. "Nobody can outguess harvest-time, but we're hoping September 21st won't land us right in the middle of it, as it has in some years. The Olde Tyme Sheep Fair is great family entertainment, and we like to see as many folks turn out as possible."

Olde Tyme Sheep Fair

Olds Agricultural Grounds
21 September 1991

TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

9:00 am	Sixth Annual Olde Tyme Sheep Fair Opens Lamb Snack Concession Opens Displays Open Dog Trials Begin Shearing Demonstration
10:00 am	Junior/Intermediate Shepherd Competition Begins Junior/Intermediate Sheep Show Bench Show (crafts) Judging Begins Fleece Judging Begins Stall Judging (Junior/Intermediate Shepherds)
12:00 pm	Lunch (Snack Bar Concession)
1:00 pm	Sheep-To-Shawl Contest Begins Dog Trials Continue Shearing Demonstration Sheep-To-Shawl Continues
2:00 pm	Wool Apparel Fashion Show Senior Shepherd Competition Begins Dog Trials Continue Sheep-To-Shawl Continues
6:00 pm	Display Booths Close Concession Closes Lamb Barbecue Begins
7:30 pm	Ewe Lamb Sale Begins
9:00 pm	Sixth Annual Olde Tyme Sheep Fair Closes

See You Again Next Year!

THE SIXTH ANNUAL OLDE TYME SHEEP FAIR

The 1991 committees would like to invite you to join in the fun at this family sheep fair--to be held this year on September 21st at the Olds Agricultural Grounds. Just check off the events you'd like to enter, and we'll mail you a registration package right away.

Please send me entry materials for the following events and services:

Event	Categories	Entry Fee	Prize Money	Check
Bench Show	Knitting, Crocheting, Sewing, Weaving, Handspinning, hobbycrafts, quilts, and comforters. Wool content required.	.25/item	$1.00/.50/.25 and ribbons	
Sheep-To-Shawl	Team event: sheep & shearer (provided) 1 weaver and no more than 4 spinners	10.00/team	$100/$75/$50 plus auction price	
Fleece Competition	Range, Domestic, and Natural coloured Two entries/category permitted.	5.00/fleece	$150.00 Grand prize	
Photography Contest	Sheep Landscape, Sheep and/or Lambs, Sheep Activities, Sheep & People, and Olde Tyme Sheep Fair. Two entries/category permitted.	1.00/photo	$10.00/category $50.00 Grand prize	
Master Shepherd Competition	Market Lamb Assessment, Fleece Classification, Proper Sheep Handling	10.00/shepherd	$100/$65/$35	
Club Challenge	Inter-Club Competition based on best four scores of club members		Plaque	
Junior/Intermediate Shepherd Competition	Sheep Show, Showmanship, Proper Sheep Handling, Market Lamb Assessment, Stall Competition	8.00/shepherd		
Sheep Show			$8/$7/$6/$5/$4	
Intermediate All-Round Shepherd			$50/$30/$15	
Junior All-Round Shepherd			$35/$20/$10 and ribbons	
Future Shepherd (Age 7 and under)		No entry fee	TBA	
Ewe Lamb Sale	Commercial ewe lambs, 100 pounds and up, 90+ on Alberta ROP	10.00/head	Sale price	
Handcraft Booths & Industry Displays	Table rental	30.00/table		
Dog Trials	Novice/Open	15.00/30.00	$1000 in prize money	
WATCH FOR CANADA'S NATIONAL LAMB CARCASS COMPETITION Details to follow. For more information, call 224-3743				

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Mail form to: Linda Rieberger, Treasurer, Olde Tyme Sheep Fair, RR 1, Bowden, AB TOK OKO

Any cheques written for the sheep fair should be made payable to "Lambs in Trust"

Olde Tyme Sheep Fair

Olds Agricultural Grounds
21 September 1991

INFORMATION CONTACTS

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Bill Gibson	784-3808
Blindman Valley Sheep Producers	
Michiel Messing	746-5483
Jack Hiller	746-3561
Camrose Sheep Producers	
William or Sharalea Grahn	672-6569
MountainView Sheep Producers	
Mike or Linda Rieberger	224-3743
Jo-Anne Pearson	224-3026
RockyView Sheep Producers	
Ed Fortna	948-7674
Greg Alexander	948-2271
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Will Verboven	295-1988
Bookings for booths & displays	
Gordon Fulton	224-3753

Family Sheep & Wool Fair
Commercial Ewe Sale
Home of Canada's National Lamb Carcass Competition

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Calgary, Alberta, August 20, 1991 . . . The Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association and the American Sheep Industry announce the itinerary for the official North American tour to the 3rd World Sheep & Wool Congress to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from August 9 - 16, 1992.

J.R. Canada Tours Ltd., headed by Argentine George Romberg, CTC, has arranged an inclusive tour package which will enable our breeders and friends to see as much of South America as possible in our limited-time schedule.

Departures shall leave Los Angeles on Saturday, August 1, and from Toronto/Chicago Sunday, August 2, 1992 on Varig Airlines arriving in Sao Paulo, Brazil via Rio de Janeiro. A tour of the famous Iguassu Falls will be taken before leaving for Buenos Aires Wednesday, August 5th. Pampas-country sightseeing tours are being arranged for the three days prior to the Official Opening of the 3rd World Congress on Sunday, August 9th.

The Congress program begins with all-day Sunday registration, an afternoon polo match and the official opening and reception in the evening. Monday through Wednesday offers country reports, technical sessions of production, health, reproduction and improvements culminating with workshop debates and closing.

Activities at the 106th Palermo Show located in a Buenos Aires suburb begins on Wednesday, August 12 through Sunday, August 16th. Sheep judging is Thursday with the sale on Sunday.

The North American tour will continue on to Montevideo, Uruguay on Monday, August 17 where we plan to visit sheep/cattle breeding properties before leaving for our home destinations on Wednesday, August 19 arriving on Thursday, August 20, 1992. Provisions are being arranged for return to North America on Saturday, August 15th for those who must return early.

A visa will be required for Brazil. J.R. Tours will be happy to apply on your behalf; however, six to eight weeks will be required. A small reduction on the registration fee is being offered by the Congress Organizing Committee before Dec. 15/91.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Norma Dunn, Tour Coordinator, 2504 Toronto Crescent NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3V9 Tel: 403-289-7464 or Answering/Fax: 403-289-7337

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3rd WORLD SHEEP & WOOL CONGRESS

August 9 - 16, 1992
Plaza Hotel: Venue of the World Sheep Breeders' Council

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

SUNDAY AUG 09	10:00 AM - 7:00 pm - REGISTRATION 2:30 - 5:00 pm - POLO MATCH 7:00 pm - INAUGURATION OF CONGRESS 8:00 pm - COCKTAIL RECEPTION	
	CONGRESS AGENDA	TOURIST AGENDA (Accompanying Person)
MONDAY AUG 10	9:00 am - 12:30 PM 2:30 - 6:00 pm PRESENTATION OF COUNTRY REPORTS EVENING FREE	2:30 pm CITY TOUR
TUESDAY AUG 11	9:00 - 10:30 AM - TECHNICAL SESSIONS MARKETING FROM THE CONSUMER'S POINT OF VIEW: WOOL, MEAT, MILK & CHEESE 11:00 AM - 12:45 pm - PRODUCTION: Feeding - Intensive & Extensive Pasturing; HEALTH: Foot & Mouth Disease; Blue Tongue 2:30 - 4:00 PM - REPRODUCTION: Cloning & Progress in reproduction techniques 4:30 - 6:00 pm - IMPROVEMENTS: Progeny Testing; Influence of reproduction techniques; Improvement programs. 8:30 pm - * DANCE - DINNER * Latins dance first - dinner near midnight	2:30 pm SHOPPING TOUR 8:30 pm DANCE-DINNER
WEDNESDAY AUG 12	9:00 AM - 12:20 pm WORKSHOPS - Debate 2:30 - 4:30 pm - ELABORATION OF CONGRESS CONCLUSIONS 4:30 pm - PLENARY SESSION: Reading of Conclusions. EVENING FREE	2:30 pm TOUR OF THE PARANÁ RIVER DELTA

ACTIVITIES AT THE PALERMO SHOW

THURSDAY AUG 13	MORNING & AFTERNOON - SHEEP JUDGING 8:30 pm - CONGRESS CLOSING CEREMONY COCKTAILS AND AWARD PRESENTATIONS

FRIDAY, AUG 14 - JUDGING OF CHAMPIONSHIP CATTLE
SATURDAY, AUG 15 - 106th CATTLE SHOW INAUGURAL CEREMONY
SUNDAY, AUG 16 - SHEEP SALE AUCTION

Camrose Fair A Success .....

I would like to send thanks to all people involved in the 1991 Camrose County Fair & Festival sheep displays. Our lamb taste booth served over 60 lbs of stir fry lamb marinated in soya, lemon, canola and coke of all things, it was a great success - thanks to Edith Williams for a great marinade! People loved it and we're sure we converted some people to Alberta lamb.

Our breed displays covered all aspects of sheep production, from Suffolk to Romanov (the Romanov lambs were admired by the public for their soft wool!). We included guard dogs, working dogs, guard donkeys, trim demos, shearing and a spinner. Wool products were well represented and admired by all.

On Saturday, August 10, the Junior Sheep Show was attended by 13 young shepherds. They ranged in age from 6-14 years old from all over Alberta and even Saskatchewan. We gave away over $700 in prizes and all participants received ribbons. Patric Lyster did a great job as judge and also he did a few shearing demos between classes. Reg Marler kept the kids in the right places as ring man and Edith Williams told the whole story as emcee. Norine Whiting was the main organizer and many thanks go to her for a job well done. The parents and children all had a great time and they all plan to be back next year. We hope to add a commercial ewe class and a market lamb jackpot. The overall winner this year was Janet Whiting - she received a hand carved plaque, well done Janet!

Thank you to all involved - we can't run a sheep display without support from other sheep producers. Most of our helpers were from out of town - friends and family - all interested in promoting lamb.

Special thanks to Gwen Stuckey - who spent 3 entire days in the dust and the wind with her two month old son, running the producer booth and to Shara Lea Grahn for all her time, effort and trim lambs.

This was my first involvement with a display and show and even though it was hard work, it was fun. We saw 21,000 people go through and lots tasted our lamb and liked it. I would urge all small producers to get involved and help market our great Alberta lamb. Every little effort helps us all.

Jane Bruns
Chairman of the Sheep Committee
Camrose Fair & Festival '91

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August 1991

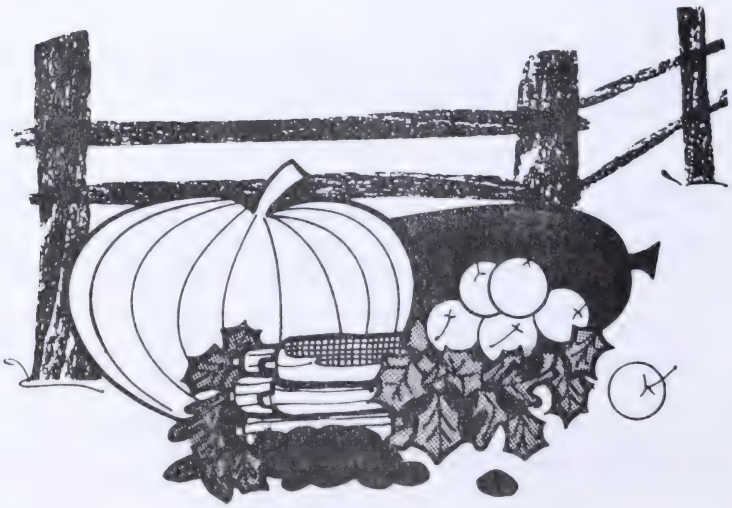
MOHAIR MARKET UPDATE

Dear Mohair Producer:

Because of poor market prices and insufficient quantities of available mohair for marketing, we have not sold the 1990/91 mohair clip collected by our co-op.

During the past three months the mohair market is showing improvement due mainly to increased Russian business in mohair yarns and cloth. At this time we are offering an advance payment of 50 cents per pound on old and new crop mohair which we intend to grade and market in the fall of 1991.

Final payments to growers will follow based on grading and marketing results.



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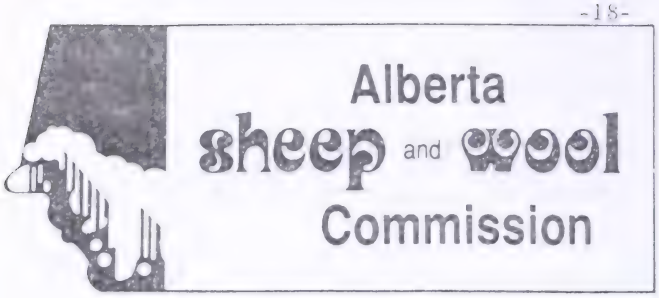
ALBERTA GOOD SHEPHERD AWARD PRESENTED TO THREE OUTSTANDING SHEEPMEN

The Alberta Sheep Breeders Association at their annual Wild Rose recognition dinner presented the " Alberta Good Shepherd " award to three longtime Alberta Sheepmen. The award presented annually is for sheep producers that have demonstrated determination, perseverance, endurance and outstanding dedication to maintaining a sustainable sheep industry in Alberta. This years recipients were Harold Trentham, Chester Fowler and John Murray.

From left to right

Audrey and Harold Trentham, Rilla and Chester Fowler, Evelyn and John Murray



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ALBERTA SHEEP AND WOOL COMMISSION.....

.....NEWS AND VIEWS

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By Will Verboven
Manager, ASWC

MARKET ACCESS CONTINUES TO BE TROUBLESOME.....

.....DEPENDING ON WHERE YOU HAPPEN TO LIVE

The late spring and summer months have seen a continuation of what has become the annual Alberta lamb glut. The reasons for the glut remain the same, that being the present inability of our major processor Canada West Foods (formerly Lambco) to absorb the usual summer increase in market ready lambs. Although the plant has the processing capability to utilize virtually all the lambs produced in Western Canada, it is the timing of the available lambs that presents the plant with a marketing challenge. Major CWF lamb customers demand consistency not only in quality but also in quantity on a year around basis. Many are not prepared to accept fluctuations in supply. That reality presents a real marketing dilemma for CWF.

The new owners of the plant have stated that their number one priority is to increase throughput to alleviate the annual glut, but it will take time. That of course is cold comfort for those producers that are unable to sell their lambs to the plant and have had to seek alternate less lucrative markets. The problem is particularly acute in the central Alberta area. The major alternate market for producers in that area is the North Central Sheep Sales in Edmonton. That market has become known for having

what may well be the lowest overall lamb prices in North America. A lack of buyers and price competition contributes to that situation. It remains a market where a producer can dispose of virtually any type of sheep or lamb but at a price. It would be fair to state that any sizeable increase in throughput at CWF would have a much needed and profound effect upon prices at the Edmonton sales, certainly for slaughter lambs.

Compared to the central area producers in Southern Alberta are fortunate indeed. They have access to a number of marketing outlets both ongoing and seasonal. These outlets are led by Fort Macleod Auction Mart (FMA), the second largest lamb marketer in Western Canada after CWF. FMA is also considered to be the price setter in Alberta due primarily to their export market into the USA. In addition a number of other buyers such as Perlich, Leitch, Balog, Langenhoff, Vanee, Picture Butte, and local lamb feedlots provide real competition as lambs move to a number of east/west markets in addition to the USA. Prices offered by all of these buyers tend to be more reflective of actual market conditions from a western North American market perspective.

Yet as attractive as lamb marketing may appear to producers from other areas, sudden drops in demand in any out of province markets especially the USA, results in a virtual standstill of lamb marketing in Southern Alberta sometimes even at any price.

As troublesome and exasperating as lamb marketing at times is in Alberta, producers should be aware of their alternatives no matter where they are located in the province. Alberta Agriculture has recently published two additions to their marketing manual which will assist producers in reviewing their options. They are:

- Livestock Marketing, Module 8
  Marketing Alternatives for Alberta Slaughter Lambs

- Appendix Section, appendix 16
  Slaughter Lamb Markets

Both publications are available by contacting:

Marilyn Johnson, Market Analysis Branch,
Alberta Agriculture
#302 7000 - 113st
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Phone: 427-5387

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COMMISSION STOCKS REPLENISHED

New supplies of Fresh Alberta Lamb promotional material has been acquired by the ASWC office. The colour theme this year is yellow with some of the material featuring our new logo.

Some of the promotional items available include badges, balloons, pamphlets and single sheet handouts. On order for later delivery this fall are fridge magnets and aprons. These promotional items are available in limited amounts from the ASWC office upon request.

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SHEEP HISTORY BOOK IN FINAL STAGE

The long awaited History of the Sheep Industry in Western Canada book has reached the final draft form. The publishers of the book have indicated that printing could commence by late September.

The official unveiling of the book will be at the Alberta Sheep Symposium December 6-7 in Kananaskis. Two versions will be available a leather bound hard cover collectors edition and a soft cover edition. Copies will also be available from the ASWC office.

The author of the book is Grant MacEwen, reknowned author and historian. The publication of the book is a joint project of the ASWC and the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation.

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ASWC CHECKOFFS AND THE GST

The ASWC office has received a number of inquiries concerning the GST as it is applied to the sheep and wool checkoff. Revenue Canada has determined that the ASWC checkoffs are service fees and are therefore subject to the GST. This is not unique to the ASWC as Cattle Commission checkoffs are also subject to the GST. There is no option in the collection procedures as these are Federal regulations imposed upon the ASWC.

However producers should be aware that the GST paid on checkoffs is recoverable. As with a number of other input costs that are subject to this tax, any GST paid on ASWC checkoffs can be recovered from Revenue Canada through an application process. The first requirement in such an application-recovery process is that you must have a GST number of your own. Such a number can be obtained by contacting your local Revenue Canada office.

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DIRECTORS SCHEDULE GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Gerry Pittman Chairman of the ASWC has announced that the Commission has tentatively scheduled a number of meetings with Government Ministers and Committees. These meetings which are scheduled to occur over the fall months are with the Government Agriculture and Rural Affairs Caucus Committee and the Ministers of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment, Business Development and the Treasury Board.

The Chairman added that now that the Lambco sale has been finalized the other issues affecting the Alberta Sheep Industry as highlighted in the Industry Strategy proposal need to be pursued. The Alberta Sheep Industry Strategy proposal was originally presented to the Minister of Agriculture Ernie Isley last October. Some of the industry concerns raised in that proposal have already been addressed such as the Lambco sale and the establishment of an Alberta Feeder Lamb Stabilization program. Others continue to be under discussion at the senior departmental level. However the major thrust of the proposal requires a decision at the Alberta Government Cabinet level.

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DIRECTORS OPEN-PANEL DISCUSSION AT SYMPOSIUM

The Directors of the ASWC have tentatively scheduled an open panel type discussion session for Thursday evening December 5, at the Alberta Sheep Symposium. This session will occur in conjunction with the symposium registration and reception on the same evening. It is anticipated that the Directors will have an opening presentation reviewing ASWC activities and plans. The general state of the industry may also be reviewed. The session will then be

opened up for any discussions and questions producers may have on Sheep Industry issues.

All seven ASWC zone directors are scheduled to be present for the panel discussion. Alberta sheep producers are encouraged to attend this session and participate.

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CANADA/USA MEETING TO BE HELD IN CALGARY

A meeting between the Canadian Sheep Federation and the American Sheep Industry Association is scheduled for September 8 in Calgary. This is the second such meeting the first was held in December of 1989 in Denver, Colorado. Representing the CSF will be Gerry Pittman (Alberta) the chairman, Jim Wilkins (Ontario) the Vice-Chairman, Bruce Cochrane director (B.C.), Dwane Morvik director (Saskatchewan). In addition, Alberta CSF directors and alternates Kathy Playdon, Clarence Jones and Ian Clark are also scheduled to attend.

A number of issues are on the Agenda for discussion. These issues include

- import and export health protocols
- codes of practice
- marketing (live and processed)
- offshore imports
- lamb promotion

Many of these issues are of considerable importance to Alberta because of the traditional two way trade that has existed between Alberta and the USA. It is important that health protocols be harmonized to facilitate this ongoing trade. In addition a North American approach towards imports from Australia and New Zealand needs to be considered. Marketing and pricing practices also need to be reviewed as Alberta lamb prices are determined by what occurs in the Western USA marketplace.

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The Classifieds

FOR SALE - SHEEP

1 REGISTERED Suffolk ram. 2 yrs old (Gloamin 58Y). 2 registered Suffolk yearling rams. 6 registered Dorset yearling rams. 1 Dorset/Hampshire yearling ram. Don Christianson, Ft. Saskatchewan, 998-9062 (9)

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REGISTERED ROMNEY ram lambs. April '91 born. Susan, Beaverlodge, 354-2047 (9)

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DORSET RAMS. Also a few ewe lambs. Gordon Fulton, Bowden, 224-3753 (9)

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28 RAMBOUILLET ewes with lamb and 1 ram. Sylvia Hannaford, Delburne, 749-2293 (9)

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2 PUREBRED Romanov rams - $150 each. Lloyd, Stony Plain, 963-4406 (9)

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SMALL FLOCK dispersal. Purebred Dorsets (ram lambs available). Brenda or Wayne, Calmar, 985-2213 (evenings) (9)

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DORSET/SUFFOLK cross ram lambs. $50-$60. Serge Richer, Ardrossan, 922-5767 (9)

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MANAGEABLE FLOCK of 30 ewes, Rambouillet/Finn cross. 18 ewe lambs, Cheviot sired. Selling whole flock for $2650. Harmony, Hythe, 356-2635 (9)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL - 58 ewes, white & black faced, 1 yr old & up. Lambed at 177%. 1 ram, 1 yr old - 1/2 Suffolk, 1/4 Finn, 1/4 Dorset - $3500. Also available 51 ewe lambs, 3 ram lambs (1 is a quad). Ken & Doris Blair, Lac La Biche, 623-4887 (9)

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ROMANOV RAM lamb. Purebred - born 1st Jan '91 - $150. D.Y. Admas, Creston, B.C. (604) 428-7840 (9)

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STARTER FLOCK - 16 Suffolk & Suffolk cross ewes including 4 registered. 12 Romanov cross ewe lambs. 1 registered ram lamb (Suffolk). Alison, Taylor, B.C. (604) 789-3728 (9)

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10 PUREBRED registered North Country Cheviot ewes, 10 purebred Suffolk ewes, 30 commercial ewes, 4 registered North Country Cheviot rams, 1 Romanov/Suffolk cross ram. Lori, Stettler, 742-1854 (9)

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75 EWES - 2, 3 & 4 yrs old, Suffolk cross. Asking $70. W. Wascherol, Mannville, 763-2288 (Evenings) (9)

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CLUN FOREST flock dispersal. A few ewes & ram lambs. Best quality. Don Spicer, Cochrane, 262-5717 (days) or 932-4262 (evenings) (9)

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REGISTERED HAMPSHIRE rams - 1-4 yr old, 2-1 yr old, 2 ram lambs born Apr 15/91. Ian Sall, Muntney, B.C. (604) 827-3295 (9)

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DISPERSAL - 200+ Suffolk & Suffolk cross ewes. Available approx. mid-Sept '91. Hair sheep rams. Sardinian/Mouflon, Katahdin/Mouflon/Barbados/Romanov crosses, only triplets from ewes that were able to raise them were kept as rams. Ron, Sundre, 638-2836 (9)

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REGISTERED RIDEAU Arcott spring ewe lambs & ram lambs. Frank Bertels, Okotoks, 938-7741 (9)

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KATAHDIN HAIR sheep - 12 3/4 Katahdin, 1/4 Suffolk cross ewe lambs. 3 purebred yearling rams. Rod, Bonnyville, 826-5783 (9)

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25 SUFFOLK cross ewes. 2-4 yrs old from closed flock. Records available, full vaccination & disease prevention program. We are reducing our flock. $80/ewe. Purebred rams. Suffolk 3 yr old and North Country Cheviot 2 yr old. $200/ram. Calgary area, 272-9090 (9)

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GOING STRICTLY registered Polypay ewes. Crossbred ewes & ewe lambs. If no answer, leave message on machine & I will return your call. Keith, Onoway, 967-3401 (9)

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MOVING - MUST SELL. Suffolk cross ewes - yearlings to 5 yrs old. 1 registered Dorset ram, 1 Suffolk ram, 1 Suffolk ram lamb. Purebred Australian Kelpie free to purchaser. Kiwi Station, Blackie, 684-3503 (9)

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37 YOUNG purebred Suffolk ewes. Excellent breeding stock. Dewormed & vaccinated. Reasonably priced. Linda, Hay Lakes, 878-3784 (9)

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LARGE & tall 3 1/2 yr old purebred & papered Suffolk rams. Easy lambing, but still have good growthy lambs on simple diet. Sire - Stadeli 943. Dam - All Wind Cora $200. Judy, MacQueen Sheep, Innisfree, 592-2167 (9)

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SIX OF 15/16 pure Romanov ewe lambs. Twins & triplets. Born in March. Nancy Peterson, Dawson Creek, B.C. (604) 789 3135 (9)

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REGISTERED ROP Hampshire rams & ewes. Albert Smith, 100 Mile House, B.C. (604) 395-3508 (9)

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325 EWES, 10 rams. Some purebreds, some grades. Eldwin, Ft. Assiniboine, 584-3783 (9)

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17 COLUMBIA wether butcher lambs. 1 ram lamb. Elise, Lac La Biche, 623-2511 (9)

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5 PUREBRED Polypay ram lambs. $100 each. Dalint Sheep Feedlot, Linden, 546-2618 (9)

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COMPLETE FLOCK dispersal. 150 Suffolk ewes - $75. 270 lambs Suffolk & Romanov cross (1/2 rams & 1/2 ewe lambs). Ewe lambs will make excellent breeding stock. Very reasonably priced. Richard Cadieux, Lac La Biche, 623-4944 (leave message on machine) (9)

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2 YR old Suffolk rams. 2 yr old Romanov ram. Also ewe lambs. Jim & Joanne Pearson, Bowden, 224-3026 (9)

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TWO PUREBRED Hampshire rams. A 5 yr old & a 2 yr old. From a clean flock. $125 each. Darwell, 892-3445 (9)

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NORTH COUNTRY Cheviots. Registered & grades. Ewes & rams. All ages from lambs to 4 yr olds. Select closed flock on ROP. Lyle Hamer, Red Water, 942-4184 (9)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL - Suffolk & Finn cross. 19 ewes 2-5 yrs old - $90 each, 40 March born lambs, 5-2 yr old cross rams - $125 each & 1 3 yr old Finn ram - $150. All wormed, vaccinated, sheared & healthy. Garry, Lamont, 895-2780 (9)

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150 SUFFOLK & Suffolk/Hexam/Leister cross ewe lambs. Al, Sun-Rock Ranching, Sundre, 638-4188 (9)

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SUFFOLKS - 50 dry ewes - $150 each, 28 replacement ewes - $100 each. Papered & unpapered. Willy, Alder Flats, 388-2371 (10)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL - 20 registered Suffolk ewes - $150-175, 13 ewe lambs, ram Strawbar 64Z - $250. Ram lambs sired by Gloamin 6X - $150. L. Coulson, Sangudo, 785-2469 (10)

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22 SUFFOLK cross ewes. Bred Dorset. Start lambing end of November. Ked-free & sound. $75 each. Ralph or Leanne, Alix, 747-2175 (10)

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3/4 FINN, 1/4 Rambouillet ram - 2 1/2 yrs old - $150. Also 1 black ram - $100. Jay, Rimbey, 783-5737 (10)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL - Ewe lambs - Suffolk/Finn crosses. 55 - 2 yr olds, 10 - 1 yr olds. Horst, Manning, 836-2224 (10)

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KATAHDIN RAMS - 7/8 - $250. Purebred - $350. Jim, Onoway, 967-4453 (10)

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COMPLETE DISPERSAL - 65 ewes - Suffolk & Suffolk/Dorset cross, 2-5 yrs olds. No culls. $50 each. Albert, Bittern Lake, 672-6320 (10)

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BORDER LEISTER - 2 registered ewes, 3 purebred ewes, 1 black 3/4 Leister ewe. Price negotiable. Eckehart Marenholtz, Flatbush, 681-2430 (10)

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ENTIRE FLOCK of 60 registered Suffolk ewes, 36 - 1991 ewe lambs & breeding rams. All bloodlines from Happy Valley. Circle S Suffolks, Beaumont, 929-9300 (10)

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2 REGISTERED Suffolk rams. 1 - 2 yr old, 1 - 3 yr old. John Dodds, Ponoka, 783-6817 (10)

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TWO 2-year old Clun Forest rams. Purebred, no papers. 936-5480 (Dalemead), please leave a message. (10)

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LINCOLN/DORSET ewe lambs. Excellent commercial breeding stock with top quality fleeces. $130 each. Bob or Moira Milligan, LBU Sheep Farm, Delta, B.C. (604) 946-1876 (10)

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CANADIAN & Rideau Arcott ram lambs. Selected on performance. Closed foundation flock. Deb or Ian Clark, Medicine Ridge Farm, Bentley, 748-2624 (10)

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YEARLING RAMBOUILLET rams. Starting at $200. Robert or Amy, Didsbury, 335-4348 (10)

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COLUMBIA RAMS. All registered. 1 2yr old, 1 yearling (#1 grower at the 1990 Alberta Ram Test Station, ADG .466 kg/day), 1 ram lamb (#2 grower at 1991 Alberta Ram Test Station, ADG .452 kg/day). All guaranteed breeders. Quiet disposition. Carol, Athabasca, 675-2942 or 675-2945 (10)

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80 EWES, 40 Suffolk, 40 cross-bred, 3-4 yr olds. Good clean flock, $50 each. Norm, Stettler, 742-5989 (10)

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PUREBRED RAMBOUILLET rams. All have ROP multi index over 100 and all are twins. Scott or Cindy, Pallisade Farms, Strathmore, 934-3675 (10)

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1/2 & 1/4 Romanov/Suffolk cross ewe lambs. Tracy Hagedorn, Bittern Lake, 352-4372 (10)

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40 COMMERCIAL ewes. Dorset/Cheviot cross. Healthy & easy lambers. $40 each. Rudy, Leduc, 986-2384 (10)

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PUREBRED NORTH Country rams. Yearlings. N.K. Erickson, Box 544, Beaverlodge, TOH OCO (10)

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DISPERSAL SALE of commercial flock. 90 Suffolk, Cheviot, Finn ewes. Clean flock 1-4 yrs old. $75 your choice, $65 if you take them all. Cheviot ram $125. Black ram $125. 3/4 Romanov ram $100. Albert Johnson, Fox Creek, 524-2549 (10)

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10 FINN ewe lambs, twins & triplets - $750 for the lot. 15 mature rams - $50 - $80. 25 bred ewes, twin & triplet producers, records available, bred Suffolk, to start lambing Jan 15/92 - $1250. Silverbirch Stock Farm, Cherhill, 785-2837 (10)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL. 18 commercial ewes. Good starter flock. Have been covered for January breeding. Ages 2-5 yrs. No culls. Joanne or Terry, Strathmore, 934-4089 (10)

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80 HEAD 3 yr old Rambouillet ewes - $75 each. Graham, Dalemead, 936-5411 (10)

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2 YR old Suffolk/Romanov ram. Must go! Cory, Alix, 747-3403 (10)

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8 SUFFOLK/Hampshire ram lambs - $50 each. Don, Darwell, 892-3445 (10)

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POLYPAY STOCK ewe lambs. Selected for mothering ability. Vern Gleddie, Namao, 973-5627 (10)

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1 - 15 month old purebred Romanov ram. With or without papers. 1 Suffolk/Romanov ram. 2 yrs old. Good breeder. Increase lamb production to 225%. 21 - 2/3 Romanov ewe lambs, 12 - 1/2 cross Romanov ewes - 1 & 2 yrs old. John, Eckville, 746-3675 (10)

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70 SUFFOLK cross ewes - 2-5 yrs old. Will sell separately - $60 each. Don or Donna, Dapp, 954-2273 (10)

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PUREBRED POLYPAY ram and ewe lambs. March/April '91 born. $100 each. Ken Hove, Barrhead, 674-6449 (evenings) (10)

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REGISTERED POLYPAY - 1 2 yr old ram - highest gaining ram. '89 Olds Test - $450. 2 rams ready for breeding - $350 each. 5 ram lambs - $150 each. Exposed ewes & ewe lambs - $150 each. Herman, Ardrossan, 922-5973 (10)

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PUREBRED DORESET ram lambs, Wild & Wooly & Briar Glen breeding. Ralph, Newbrook, 576-2223 (After 6PM) (10)

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BRIGHTBANK FINN sheep has top quality registered Finns. Triplet & quadruple Finn/Dorset cross rams & ewe lambs. To arrange for visit please call. Kathy, Stony Plain, 963-0416 (10)

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FOR SALE - GOATS

3 BILLY goats. Elise, Lac La Biche, 623-2511 (9)

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2 ALPINE milking does, 1 bred Alpine doe. Good milk lines. Linda, Hay Lakes, 878-3784 (9)

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3 HEALTHY Saanen milking does, tatooed & papered. 1 healthy Saanen yearling doe, born Oct '90. Big for her age, tatooed & papered. 6 healthy, very tame, Saanen doelings, born this spring, from excellent milking stock, not papered yet - $100 each. Erika Vester, Carstairs 556-2299 or Olds 337-2496 (W) (10)

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2 EXCELLENT milking does, 1 & 2 yrs old. Well trained & easy to milk. Leanne, Alix, 747-2175 (10)

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REGISTERED & grade Angora goats - reasonably priced. Brian, Breton, 696-3605 (10)

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CASHMERE GOATS. Easier to look after than Angoras. Twins & triplets common. Duel purpose meat & fibre producing goats. Cashmere is finest fiber in the world. Also, black Spanish meat goat, yearling buck - $90. Jim, Onoway, 967-4453 (10)

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SMALL FLOCK of Angora goats. 6 does, 2 bucks. All are registered & disease-free. Vivian, Bruderheim, 796-3556 (10)

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1 1/2 YR old Saanen buck from good milking lines - $200. 3 month old Saanen buck kid - $150 (tatooed & papered). Also have several Angora does & doe kids - $100-$150. Karen, Hi Prairie, 523-3795 (10)

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YOUNG BREEDING bucks. Saanen or Alpine. Asking $75 each. Barb, Torhild, 398-3924 (10)

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FOR SALE - DOGS

BORDER COLLIE pups. Albert Smith, 100 Mile House, B.C. (604) 395-3508 (9)

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BORDER COLLIE pups. Top breed working dogs, Ron, Sundre, 638-2836 (9)

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REGISTERED BORDER Collie puppies. Sire - Jeff - World Champion and Tina - imported. Excellent working stock dogs. Winston Curtis, Winfield, 682-2124 (9)

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GREAT PYREENES Wolfhound cross pups. Both parents purebred & excellent for coyote control. Make good sheep guard dogs - $100 each. Sharon, Hythe, 356-2655 (10)

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6 GREAT Pyreenes & Border Collie cross puppies. Both parents registered - $50 each. Willy, Alder Flats, 388-2371 (10)

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LIVESTOCK GUARDIANS. CKC registered, Komondor puppies. From working parents. Sheep raised. Born July 24/91. Fred or Marlene, Lloydminster, (306) 825-2640 (10)

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PUREBRED MALE Border Collie, born Nov 1/90. Ready for training and extremely eager. All shots. Carol, Athabasca, 675-2942 or 675-2945 (10)

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1 MALE registered Border Collie pup from working parents, born March 3/91. Call Jelaine, Carstairs, 337-2397 (10)

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REGISTERED SHELTIES. Tatooed, vaccinated and dew claws removed. Tri-color & blue merle. Maryann, Drumheller, 823-2036 (evenings) (10)

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GREAT PYREENES. Male 4 1/2 months old. Friendly. Earl or Gail, Rimbey, 843-6044 (leave message) (10)

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1 REGISTERED purebred Border Collie female - 1 yr old. Started. John, Eckville, 746-3675 (10)

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GREAT PYREENES puppies from working bloodlines. Reservations suggested. Written guarantee. Shots & tattoos. Registered. Puppies started now will be working well by spring lambing. Kaslan Kennels, Strathmore, 934-2778 (10)

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FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS

SHEEP SHED with built in lambing pens & feeders with outside access doors - $1500. Harmony, Hythe, 356-2635 (9)

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525 ACRE farm. 427 open. Good home & out buildings. Could be adapted to any kind of farming operation. Eldwin, Ft. Assiniboine, 584-3783 (9)

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1/4 SECTION, Hythe area. 9 yr old house - 5 bedrooms. Large sheep barn, power & water in barn. Security fencing, 7 strand hi-tensile. Catherine Nolan, Hythe, 356-2662 (9)

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STILL AVAILABLE - 'Cooking With Lamb' by Jelaine McDermit - An exclusive lamb cook book. Offering recipes for ALL lamb cuts plus helpful information and different methods of cooking lamb. Unlike many lamb recipes which use rare and exotic ingredients, the recipes in 'Cooking With Lamb' use everyday ingredients. They are simple & have easy-to-follow instructions to ensure delicious results every time. The books are $9.95 plus GST and $1.00 for postage and handling and are available by contacting Jelaine McDermit, R R #2, Carstairs TOM ONO, 337-2397 or Clive 784-3620. Volume discounts are available on orders of 5 books or more. (9)

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1 SHEEP scale, 1 sheep creep feeder - 250 bushel, 3 sheep hay feeders - 16' on skids, John Dodds, Ponoka, 783-6817 (10)

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LITTLE LAKE Ranch. 88+ acres, 3 bedroom home, riding arena, barn, good corrals, fenced & cross fenced, 9 miles from Stettler, unlimited water, 2 dugouts, one used for stocking trout. Presently raising sheep & training horses. Little Lake Ranch, Stettler, 742-0986 (10)

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70 ACRES with buildings, power, water. Centrally located in the Peace River area, at Watino, Alberta. Bordering the Smoky River, isolated at the end of the valley. Ideal location for exotic animals, sheep or goats. Photos available. Asking $35,000. Val, 837-8278 (Early AM or mealtimes) (10)

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ROUND BALE sheep feeder. $275. Also selling 1 1/2 & 1 3/4 O.D. pipe at 55¢ foot. Large quantities available. Ideal for sheep & cattle corrals. Rod Ceccato, Eckville, 746-5455 (10)

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FOR SALE OR TRADE

CHINCILLA HERD includes cages, waterers & 6 months supply of feed. Will consider PARTIAL TRADE for sheep, cattle, truck or camper. Delores, Grimshaw, 332-4137(9)

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ROMANOV RAM with excellent bloodlines TRADE FOR quality Dorset perferably on ROP. Kathryn Kennedy Potts, Shellbrooke, Sask. (306) 747-2981 (After 7 PM) (9)

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3 REGISTERED Romnay rams, 2 registered Romney ewes, 2 purebred Romney ram lambs unregistered to sell OR TRADE for Suffolk ewes. J. Thiessen, Grimshaw, 971-2493 (9)

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SUNBEAM STEWART shearing machine. In excellent condition. Has clutch & jointed shaft. Numerous combs & cutters. TRADE FOR electric shear master. Lee Penman, Wetaskiwin, 352-2949 (10)

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2 PUREBRED Hampshire rams - a 2 & 5 yr old and 8 Suffolk/Hampshire cross ram lambs - $50 - $125 OR TRADE for square straw or hay bales. Don, Darwell, 892-3445 (10)

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FLOCK REDUCTION sale. Polled Dorset ewes & ewe lambs available. Stock young & healthy - no culls. Priced to sell, OR TRADE FOR good quality hay or grain. Harvey or Eleanor Oatway, Grande Prairie, 532-6772 (10)

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SMALL HERD of Angora goats. 6 does, 2 bucks. All are registered. WILLING TO TRADE FOR pygmy goats of equal value. Vivian, Bruderheim, 796-3556 (10)

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WANTED - SHEEP

FEEDER LAMBS, cull ewes, breeding ewes & goats of all types. John Bolay, Westlock, 349-5203 (No Sunday calls please) (9)

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WANTED - GOATS

LOOKING FOR buck which has Hearts Delight breeding plus overall index of 100+. Possibly trade with similar breeding. Marilyn, Carstairs, 337-3956 (10)

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WANTED - MISCELLANEOUS

USED PAGE wire for fencing Angora goats. Marilyn, Carstairs, 337-3956 (10)

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SHEEP SQUEEZE, good condition, reasonably priced. Carol, Athabasca, 675-2942 or 675-2945 (10)

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

DIVERSIFY YOUR farm with a goat dairy. Producers needed to fill existing and new markets for milk & cheese products. Caprine Dairy Producers, Heather, Warburg, 848-7603 (9)

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SHARES - 300-400 head of commercial Dorset cross, Arcott, Suffolk, Rambouillet and Hampshire ewes bred to top gaining ROP Dorset rams. Must be lambed out by March. Contact Marilyn Verwiere with details of your experience and facilities and requirements. Briar Glen Farms, Starthmore, 934-4262 (10)

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DALINT SHEEP Feedlot - specializing in custom care of ewes & lambs. Book now. Spaces are limited. Inquiries call 546-2618, Linden (9)

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TANNING DONE on lamb pelts. Starting at $30 depending on size & wool condition. Combed. Roy Peterson, Cluny, 734-2536 (9)

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ZENFLEX WOOL Marketing. Buying wool in Innisfail at White Metal Bldg. (2nd Bldg. to west from Lambco). By appointment only. To arrange delivery of wool & information call Zenek Matkowski, 343-6308 or Mary Anne Brown, 227-1690 (10)

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Classified Ads and Coming Events may be placed in Sheep Footnotes free-of-charge by contacting:

Janet Smalley
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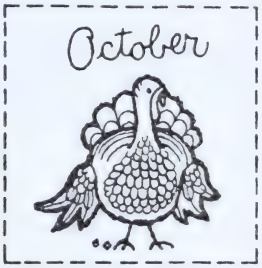

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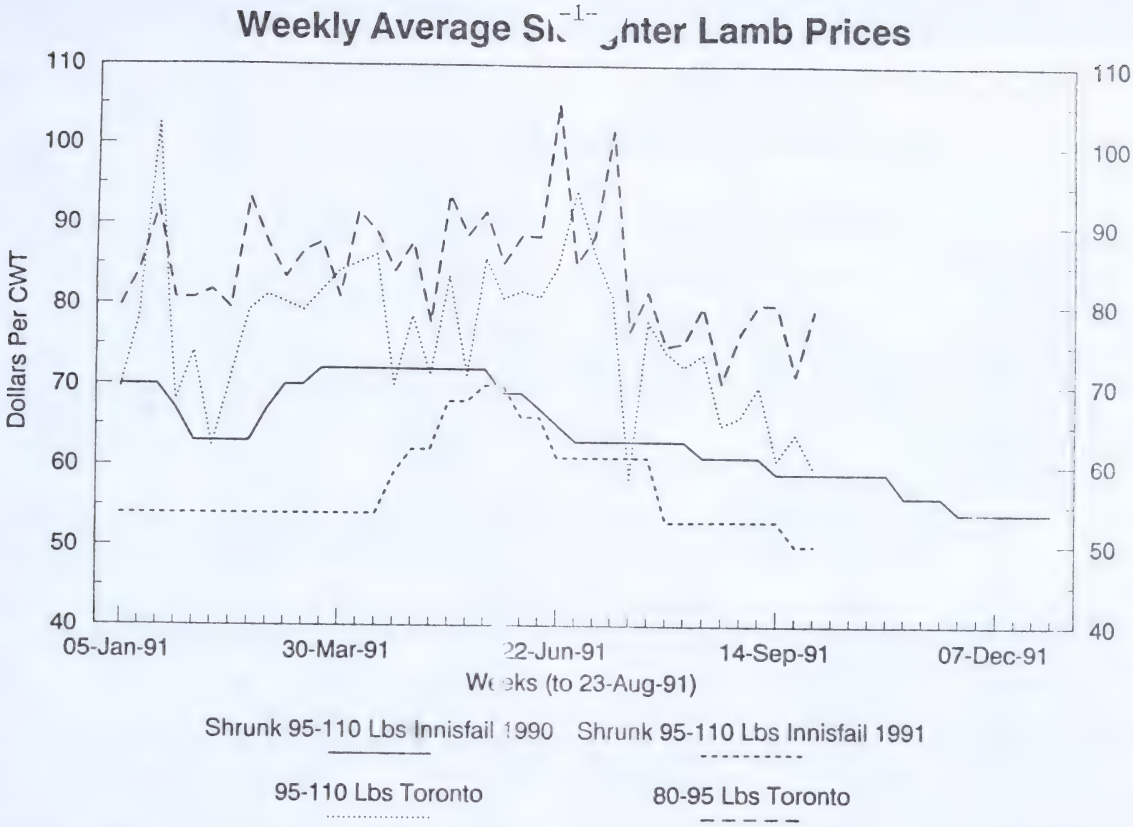

Seasonal increases in the supply of slaughter lambs have pressured prices lower. At Canada West Foods, in Innisfail, bids for lambs have dropped from $53 per cwt to $47 per cwt. C.W.F.C. is warning that slaughter lambs weighing over 110 pounds do not fit in with the quality requirements of the plant and will be subject to severe discounts or possible refusal.

In the U.S, slaughter volumes are on the rise, although carcass weights are averaging much lower pressuring wholesale prices for lighter carcasses downward. However, there are considerable premiums for heavy carcasses in the US and Alberta producers with heavy lambs will find it worth while to seek markets south of the border.

Statistics Canada reported July 1, 1991 sheep and lamb inventories as follows:

	TOTAL SHEEP AND LAMBS			1 YEAR OR OLDER			UNDER 1 YEAR		
	1990	1991	91/90	1990	1991	91/90	1990	1991	91/90
	('000 HEAD)								
Maritimes	55.2	58.0	5.1%	29.2	29.4	0.7%	26.0	28.6	10.0%
Quebec	118.0	123.8	4.9%	75.2	76.2	1.3%	42.8	47.6	11.2%
Ontario	215.0	209.1	- 2.7%	121.3	119.1	- 1.8%	93.7	90.0	- 3.9%
TOTAL EAST	**388.2**	**390.9**	**0.6%**	**225.7**	**224.7**	**- 0.4%**	**162.5**	**166.2**	**2.3%**
Manitoba	24.0	23.8	- 0.8%	13.2	13.0	- 1.5%	10.8	10.8	0.0%
Saskatchewan	56.0	59.0	5.4%	27.3	29.4	7.7%	28.7	29.6	3.1%
Alberta	233.0	247.3	6.1%	104.5	110.0	5.3%	128.5	137.3	6.8%
B.C.	58.0	59.3	4.0%	28.5	28.6	0.4%	29.5	30.7	4.1%
TOTAL WEST	**371.0**	**389.4**	**5.0%**	**173.5**	**181.0**	**4.3%**	**197.5**	**208.4**	**5.5%**
CANADA	**759.2**	**780.3**	**2.8%**	**399.2**	**405.7**	**1.6%**	**360.0**	**374.6**	**4.0%**

PRICE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT C.W.F.C.

	WEEK 1	WEEK2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON						
SEP 1991	53.00	53.00	53.00	50.00	50.00	51.80
LAST MON						
AUG 1991	53.00	53.00	53.00	53.00		53.00
YR AGO MON						
SEP 1990	58.00-61.00	58.00-61.00	56.00-59.00	56.00-59.00	56.00-59.00	56.80-59.80
VOLUMES						
SEP 1991	1,269	1,145	1,242	1,385	1,583	5,355
SEP 1990	1,571	1,761	1,664	1,509	1,592	6,526

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	62.00-69.00	64.00-82.00	54.00-74.00	50.00-70.00	49.00-66.00	
SEP 1991	(66.04)	(69.90)	(60.72)	(63.92)	(59.57)	62.48
LAST MON	62.00-102.00	65.00-80.00	69.00-83.00	53.00-76.00		
AUG 1991	(74.10)	(72.25)	(73.80)	(65.03)		69.60
YR AGO MON	71.00-81.00	75.00-80.00	66.00-86.00	61.00-70.00	60.00-69.50	
SEP 1990	(77.61)	(79.20)	(73.93)	(65.07)	(63.24)	70.69
SEP/91 VOLUME	84	65	270	99	154	
AVG WEIGHT	100.5	103.2	101.4	N/A	101.1	

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 80-95 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	70.00-82.00	70.00-85.00	70.00-89.00	61.00-80.00	65.00-98.00	
SEP 1991	(76.47)	(80.15)	(80.08)	(71.27)	(79.42)	73.19
LAST MON	60.00-89.00	60.00-91.00	65.00-96.00	64.00-94.00		
AUG 1991	(74.82)	(75.28)	(79.93)	(70.31)		74.74
YR AGO MON	70.00-82.00	70.00-85.00	70.00-89.00	70.00-100.00	65.00-98.00	
SEP 1990	(76.47)	(80.15)	(80.08)	(80.84)	(79.42)	79.31
SEP/91 VOLUME	226	142	318	200	247	1133
AVG WEIGHT	85.7	87.5	85.7	86.0	89.1	

Prices quoted for 95-110 lb lambs are bid prices at C.W.F.C. and auction prices at Toronto Public Stockyards for good quality lambs. The lower end of the Alberta price range reflects bids for short haul unshrunk lambs, while the upper end of the range represents bids for long haul or shrunk lambs. Producers delivering to the Toronto Public Stockyards pay commission and yardage fees for each animal sold. Producers delivering to C.W.F.C. pay $1/head checkoff to the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission.

The Toronto auction price is from the Special Sheep and Lamb Sale held on Monday each week

N.E.P. - No established price

C.W.F.C. - Canada West Foods Corporation, Innisfail, Alberta

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FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER (Head)

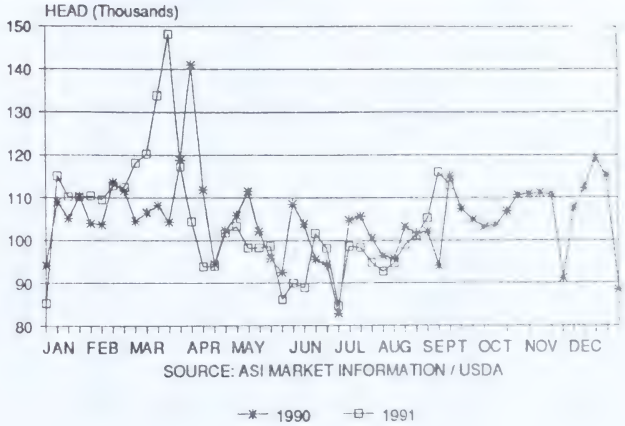
	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 08/31/91 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1991 vs 1990 TOTAL
SHEEP	113,000	-2.6	+5.2	105,267	40,580,000	-0.2
CATTLE	648,000	+3.2	+0.7	645,087	23,876,000	-2.5
CALF	27,000	-3.6	-17.5	25,542	1,007,000	-22.5
HOGS	1,730,000	-5.1	+0.5	1,731,185	61,820,000	+1.5

RED MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 08/24/91 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1991 vs 1990 TOTAL
LAMB	6.8	-2.6	+3.0	6.1	250.8	-1.2
BEEF	465.3	+3.2	+3.8	473.4	16,259.8	+0.2
VEAL	5.3	-3.6	-14.5	4.5	203.4	-4.9
PORK	309.1	-5.1	+0.7	288.4	10,869.3	+2.3
TOTAL	786.5	-0.3	+2.4	772.4	27,583.3	+0.9

DRESSED WEIGHT		PERCENT LAMB SLAUGHTER	
THIS WEEK (EST.)	60	08/31/91	93.6
08/24/91 (ACT.)	60	09/01/90	93.1

AVERAGE WEEKLY F.I. SLAUGHTER



WHOLESALE LAMB MARKET

	55 lbs-down	55-65 lbs	65-75 lbs
NORTHEAST	$1.10	$1.15	$1.20
OB RIVER	$1.05-1.07	$1.10-1.12	$1.15-1.17

LESS THAN CARLOT

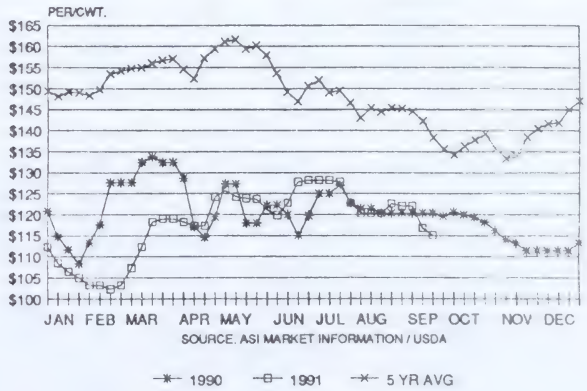
LOS ANGELES	$1.05-1.07*	$1.14-1.16**	$1.18
BAY AREA	$1.12*	$1.18**	$1.22
NORTHWEST	$1.11-1.13*	$1.17-1.19**	$1.20-1.22

* 60 lbs. & down ** 60-65 lbs.

Compared to last week, carcass lamb prices in the Northeast and Midwest were $3.00 lower on 55/Down carcasses; 55-65 lbs. $2.00 down; 65-75 lb. carcass steady at $1.20. In Los Angeles & Bay Area, 60/Down carcasses $4.00-$5.00 lower; 60-65 lbs $1.00-$2.00 lower; 65-75 lbs. steady. In the Northwest, carcass lambs sold steady to $2.00 lower. Trade was very slow and not fully established by noon Friday. Supplies were moderate, demand fair.

EAST COAST WHOLESALE PRICE

WEIGHTED AVERAGE ALL WEIGHTS



DISTRIBUTIVE CUT MARKET & RETAIL FEATURE ACTIVITY

ITEM	NORTH-EAST	BAY AREA	LOS ANGELES	NORTH WEST
CHUCK CROSS CUT	$ .90-1.03	No Quote	No Quote	No Quote
CHUCK SQUARE CUT	No Quote	$1.15-1.20*	$1.10-1.15	$1.15-1.20*
SINGLE LEG	No Quote	$1.62-1.75*	$1.55-1.70	$1.65-1.75*
DOUBLE LEG	$1.35-1.50	$1.45-1.55	$1.50-1.55	$1.60
LOIN	$1.55-1.99	$2.95-3.19*	$3.00*	$3.30-3.45*
RACK 7 UP	$2.60-2.85	$2.70*	$2.80*	$2.70*
FORE SADDLE	No Quote	$1.15-1.25	No Quote	No Quote
HIND SADDLE	$1.50-1.60	$1.49-1.65	$1.65	No Quote

* Trimmed and/or vacuumed packed

In the Northeast, prices for lamb cuts this week were mixed. End meats were steady to higher, while middle meats sold weak to lower. Legs and hindsaddles enjoyed good seasonal demand. Hotel racks worked sharply lower. Demand and offerings were moderate. Hindsaddles and legs sold 5-10 cents higher; hotel racks 5-10 cents lower; cross cut chucks and loins were steady to 5 cents lower. In Los Angeles square cut chuck stead to 5 cents lower; legs steady to 5 cents higher; loins and racks 5 cents lowers; hindsaddles 5 cents higher.cks 5 cents lowers; hindsaddles 5 cents higher.

EAST COAST CUT PRICES

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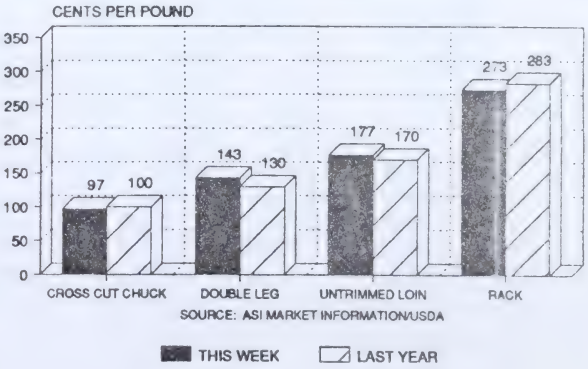

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REPRESENTATIVE LIVE SALES

AS OF SEPT 20

AREA	TYPE OF SHEEP	TYPE OF SALE	HEAD	LBS.	WEIGHING CONDITIONS	PRICE ($/CWT.)
WEST COAST						
California	Spring	Direct	450	100-115	Choice, few prime, NO 1-2 pelts, delivered	56.00
MOUNTAIN						
Idaho	Spring	Direct	450	110-125	Choice & Prime, Wooled, FOB 4% shrink	50.00
Utah	Spring	Direct	900	110	Choice & Prime, Wooled, FOB overnight stand	50.00
Montana	Spring	Auction	280	120-130	Choice & Prime, Wooled	45 00-46.00
Utah	Spring	Auction	700	115-125	Choice & Prime, Wooled	45.00-49.50
Idaho	Mixed	Direct	3000	90	Mixed Sl. & mostly Fdrs., Spring, Wooled, overnight	49.00
Colorado	Mixed	Direct	2000	100-115	Mixed Sl. & Feeders, Spring, Wooled, delivered	52.00-53.00
Utah	Mixed	Auction	450	105-108	Mixed Slaughter & Feeders, Wooled	46.00
Colorado	Feeders	Direct	2000	85-100	Choice & Fancy, Spring, Wooled, FOB overnight	48.50-49.00
Montana	Feeders	Direct	6000	90-100	Choice & Fancy, Spring, Wooled, FOB overnight	42.50-45.00
Montana	Feeders	Auction	2800	50-100	Choice & Fancy, Spring, Wooled	44.00-48.00
Utah	Feeders	Auction	900	75-95	Choice & Fancy, Spring, Wooled	46.50-48.00
Colorado	Feeders	Auction	1800	80-108	Choice & Fancy, Spring, Wooled	44.00-48.75
Colorado	Sl. Ewes	Auction	500		Utitlity & Good, No 1-2 pelts	16.00-22.00
Montana	Sl. Ewes	Auction	2200		Cull to Good, No 1-2 pelts	12.00-20.00
Montana	St. Ewes	Auction	150		2-3 year old whiteface ewes, 1-2 pelts (per head)	40.00-65.00
SOUTH CENTRAL						
Texas	Spring	Direct	10,000	100-125	Choice & Prime, No 1-2 pelts, guar. 51%	49.00-52.50
Kansas	Spring	Auction	3725	95-140	Choice & Prime, Wooled/shorn	47.00-53.00
Texas	Feeders	Direct	5000	70-90	Choice & Fancy, Wooled, Wet&Muddy, FOB 3%	51.00-54.00
Texas	Feeders	Auction	2500	45-60	Choice & Fancy, Wooled, Wet & Muddy	50.00-54.00
Texas	Feeders	Auction	3000	60-100	Choice & Fancy, Wooled, Wet & Muddy	50.00-56.00
Texas	Feeders	Auction	700	50-75	Choice, Spring, Wooled	54.00-57.50
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auction	560		Cull to Good, No 1-2 pelts, Goldthwaite	15.00-28.00
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auction	1400		Good, No 1-2, Wet & Muddy	26.00-31.00
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auction	1600		Utility, No 1-2 pelts, Wet & Muddy	20.00-29.00
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auction	500		Cull, No 1-2 pelts, Wet & Muddy	10.00-20.00
Texas	St. Ewes	Auction	1000		Baby tooth to Solid mouth, No 1-2 pelts,(per hdd)	36.50-45.00
NORTHCENTRAL						
Midwest	Spring	Computer	815	118-120	Ch. & Pr., Wooled/shorn, .20 dis und 110	49.50-54.25
IA-S.MN	Spring	Direct	2700	110-145	Ch. & Pr., No 1-2 pelts, .10-30 dis und 110-120	49.00-56.00
IA-S.MN	Spring	Direct	2500	105-136	Ch. & Pr., Wooled, .10-30 dis und 110-120	44.00-52.00
Minnesota	Spring	Auction	1120	95-130	Choice & Prime, Wooled/shorn	45.00-52.00
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	2690	93-145	Choice & Prime, Wooled/shorn	49.50-56.75
Iowa	Spring	Auction	880	101-153	Choice & Prime, Wooled/shorn	48.00-56.30
S. Dakota	Feeders	Direct	500	93	Choice & Fancy, Spring, Wooles FOB overnight	46.00
S. Dakota	Feeders	Auction	3281	62-101	Choice & Fancy, Spring, Wooled, Faith/Newell	45.25-51.00
S. Dakota	Feeders	Auction	4200	60-80	Choice & Fancy, Spring, Wooled, Faith	47.50-54.00
Iowa	Feeders	Auction	385	60-109	Choice & Fancy, Spring, Wooled	37.00-47.50
Minnesota	Feeders	Auction	430	60-90	Choice & Fancy, Wooled	40.00-45.00
S. Dakota	Feeders	Auction	646	40-100	Choice & Fancy, Wooled	42.00-46.85
S. Dakota	Sl. Ewes	Auction	400		Cull to Good, No 1-2 pelts	13.00-22.00
Iowa	Sl. Ewes	Auction	575		Utitlity & Good, No 1-2 pelts	12.00-23.00
Minnesota	Sl. Ewes	Auction	300		Utitlity & Good, No 1-2 pelts	18.00-22.00
S. Dakota	Sl. Ewes	Auction	3500		Utitlity & Good, No 1-2 pelts	18.50-23.25
S. Dakota	St. Ewes	Auction	1809		Yearling whiteface ewes, Wooled, (per head)	67.00-78.00
S. Dakota	Ewe Lamb	Auction	995	76-78	Whiteface, Wooled (per head)	54.00-57.50
EASTERN						
Michigan	Spring	Pool	400	112	Ch., 1-2 pelts, .30 dis und 110, $2 dis on wooled	51.75
Michigan	Spring	Auction	400	100-130	Choice & Prime, Wooled/shorn	45.00-49.00
Ohio	Spring	Auction	450	105-130	Choice & Prime, Wooled/shorn	45.00-50.50
Virginia	Spring	Auction	1521	95.125	Choice & Prime, Wooled	40.00-47.00
Penn.	Spring	Auction	560	60-110	Choice & Prime, Wooled	52.00-63.00
Virginia	Feeders	Auction	466	60-85	Choice & Fancy, Spring, Wooled	38.00-50.00
Michigan	Feeders	Auction	500	60-90	Choice & Fancy, Spring, Wooled	45.00-50.00
Penn.	Sl. Ewes	Auction	560		Utitlity & Good, No 1-2 pelts	15.00-25.00
Michigan	Sl. Ewes	Auction	550		Cull to Good, No 1-2 pelts	12.00-20.00

Carcasses ***Certified*** by USDA Week Ending 9-14-91: 11,842, 10.2 percent of estimated slaughter.

Certified American Lamb Premiums: Quoted Prices Over Standard Cuts

Carcass on Rail	+ $ .05-.10	Trimmed Shouders	+ $ .09-.15
Carcass 3-Way	+ $ .10-.15	Trimmed Loins	+ $ .08-.22
Trimmed Legs	+ $ .11-.15	Hotel Racks	+ $ .10-.15

Some discounts noted on larger orders of ***Certified*** American lamb.

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October 24	***NORTH-CENTRAL SHEEP SALES .*** *Fat and Feeder lambs. Special ewe sale. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. All sales being at 1 P.M. For additonal information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), R R #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*
October 26	***HERDING CLINIC.*** *Rick Pinney from Washington. 1:00 P.M. Red Water. Lyn Ferris, 942-4537. $25.00 participant or $10.00 spectator. 6:00 P.M. Lamb BBQ & hayride.*
October 26	***MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE*** *at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
October 26-27	***STOCK DOG TRAINING CLINIC.*** *Contact Ron Gale, Sundre, 638-2836 for further information.*
October 27	***WILDROSE ALL BREED HERDING CLASSIC.*** *10:00 A.M. Sponsored by Australian Shepherd Club of Alberta ASCA sanction pending. Red Water. Lyn Ferris, 942-4537. Ducks - $15.00, Sheep - $20.00. Forty runs on each. 8 classes included started, open & advanced. Judge - Rick Pinney, Langley, Washington. For more information contact Jane Kerner at 227-2400.*
October 29	***CAMROSE SHEEP PRODUCTION CLUB.*** *Tonights meeting of the Camrose Sheep Production Club will deal with sheep nutrition. Dale Engstrom will address any questions you have on feeding your sheep. Be prepared and come with questions. The meeting will start at 7:30 P.M. in the Camrose D.A. office. Contact Gwen Stuckey at 373-2616 or Jane Bruns at 373-3891.*

November 6	***ATTENTION - THORHILD, SMOKY LAKE AND RED WATER SHEEP PRODUCERS!*** *A meeting of the tri-county sheep production club will take place at 7:30 P.M. at the Thorhild Community Centre. Tonights meeting will feature speakers on proper ration balancing for your sheep flock. If you have any questions on feeding your ewes, plan to attend. For further information contact Mike at 398-3993 or Pat at 398-2305.*
November 12	***PONOKA SHEEP PRODUCERS.*** *Provincial Building, Ponoka, 7:30 P.M. Discussion on feed systems. Join us and learn about the feeding equipment that producers have in this area.*
November 12	***ROCKY VIEW SHEEP PRODUCERS MEETING.*** *Airdrie Agriculture Building, Airdrie. 7:30 P.M. All persons interested in any part of the sheep industry are encouraged to attend. For further information call Joe at 948-3138 or Bill at 948-5773.*
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November 21	***ALL SHEEP PRODUCERS FROM THE BRETON, DRAYTON VALLEY, THORSBY AREAS*** *are invited to any evening sheep seminar at the Buck Creek Community Hall starting at 7:30 P.M. Topics to be covered include flock nutrition, flock health, lambing and predator control. Everyone is welcome to attend. For further information contact Elaine at 542-5368.*
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January 8	***ATTENTION - THORHILD, SMOKY LAKE AND RED WATER SHEEP PRODUCERS!*** *A meeting of the tri-county sheep production club will take place at 7:30 P.M. at the Thorhild Community Centre. Lambing will be here soon. Tonights meeting will cover points you need to help prepare for this years lamb crop. For further information contact Mike at 398-3993 or Pat at 398-2305.*
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"When people cease to complain, they cease to think."

— Napoleon

1991 Alberta Sheep Symposium

Kananaskis Lodge December 5 - 7

Sponsor: Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association
Alberta Agriculture

PROGRAM

Thursday, December 5

7:30 - 9:30 P.M.	*Registration* *Reception (veggies, cheese, coffee, juice)* *- This years reception will feature a panel discussion with ASWC directors. This is your opportunity to question directors on any concerns you may have.*

Friday, December 6

9:00 A.M.	*Welcome and Opening Remarks* *Wray Whitmore, Chairman* *1991 Alberta Sheep Symposium*
9:15 - 10:25 A.M.	*Accelerated Lambing Systems* *Dr. Doug Houge, Professor, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York* *- What can be done to increase production from your sheep flock? See how lamb production can be influenced by lambing rate and lambing frequency.*
10:25 - 10:45 A.M.	*Break - coffee, tea, juice*

10:45 - 11:50 A.M.	Animal Welfare and Animal Rights Allison Taylor, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario - Animal welfare and animal rights are not the same thing. Do you know the difference? Why are these issues important to livestock producers?
11:50 - 1:15 P.M.	Lunch - Peaks Dining Room
1:15 - 2:25 P.M.	How the New Lamb Grading System Should Affect You JoAnn Cmoluch, Market Economist, Alberta Agriculture, Edmonton, Alberta - The new grading system should be implemented next spring. How will it affect you as a lamb producer, and how will it affect the industry?
2:25 - 2:45 P.M.	Break - coffee, tea, juice
2:45- 4:00 P.M.	Marketing Alberta Lamb Gary Haley / Ray Fielding, Canada West Food Corp., Innisfail, Alberta - What kind of lamb does Canada West want? How do they plan to market the lamb they process? Come hear the new plant owners tell us what they want.
4:00 - 6:30 P.M.	Free time (see attached information on winter activities at the Kananaskis Lodge)
6:30 - 7:30 P.M.	Attitude Adjustment No Host Bar, Conference Lobby
7:30 - 8:30 P.M.	Lamb Banquet Olympic Ballroom After Dinner Remarks - Honourable Ernie Isley, Minister of Agriculture

Saturday, December 7

9:30 - 10:30 A.M.	*Food Safety Perceptions* *Dr. Terry Church, Animal Health Division, Alberta Agriculture, Edmonton, Alberta* *- Food safety articles are appearing in the popular press every day. Are the concerns being raised legitimate?*
10:30 - 10:50 A.M.	*Break - Coffee, tea, juice*
10:50 - 11:50 A.M.	*Food Safety* *Dr. Michael Stiles, Professor, Food Science, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta* *- What aspect of food safety should you be concerned about? What can you do about these concerns?*
11:50 - 1:15 P.M.	*Lunch - Peaks Dining Room*
1:15 - 2:15 P.M.	*Baby Lamb Survival* *Dr. Marie Bulgin, Professor, Caine Veterinary Teaching Centre, Caldwell, Idaho* *- Several management practices are necessary to ensure a good, healthy lamb crop. What should you be watching for at lambing time?*
2:15 - 2:40 P.M.	*Break - coffee, tea, juice*
2:45 - 3:40 P.M.	*Nutrition for Highly Productive Ewes and Their Lambs* *Dr. Doug Houge, Professor, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York* *- A highly productive sheep flock must be fed properly. Specific nutrient needs must be met at affordable costs. Come hear how a sheep flock can be fed for maximum efficiency.*

IMPORTANT SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

1) You will be on your own for supper on Thursday and on Saturday. Everyone will have the cost of one supper deducted from their $82.87 per day charge for Saturday. Those who wish to dine at the Kananaskis Lodge on Thursday or Saturday may simply have the cost of the meal added to their bill.

2) For those who wish an extended stay at the Kananaskis Lodge we have arranged a special group rate as follows: for Wednesday night (the 4th) as well as Saturday and Sunday nights (the 7th and 8th) both single and double rooms will be a flat $70.00 plus 5% AHRT and 7% GST with meals on a pay as you go basis. If you wish to take advantage of this group rate you must indicate this when you pre-register for the symposium.

3) Payment to the Kananaskis Lodge can be made by Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Diners Club or cash. The hotel does not like to deal in personalized cheques. The only personalized cheque they are accepting is your initial first night's deposit.

4) The Kananaskis Lodge has an indoor parkade.

5) Breakfast and lunch will be in the Peaks Dining Room.

6) Your $82.87 per day rate completely exempts you from paying tips to dining room personnel, chambermaids and other staff. The only possible tipping would be to baggage handlers.

7) When you arrive, please check in with the hotel and receive you room key. Next, proceed to the Symposium registration desk (hotel staff will direct you) and register for the symposium. Here, in exchange for your $30.00 registration fee (we take cheques) we will give you your symposium registration kit which includes a copy of the proceedings and your meal card.

8) After registering, please join us in the Olympic Ball Room for our welcoming reception (veggies, cheese, juice and coffee).

10) If the 300 spaces we have reserved are all gone by the time you pre-register, we will telephone you suggesting alternate accommodation at the Kananaskis complex. For people staying elsewhere, the charge for dining at the Kananaskis Lodge will be $45.00 per day, children under 13 are $22.50 per day. This charge includes all three meals.

11) Children are welcome! Babysitting can be arranged with 2 weeks notice for a charge of $5/hour. For older children, the Kananaskis Lodge does have a pinball/video arcade as well as ice skating and a swimming pool (no lifeguard, under 14 not admitted without an adult).

W I N T E R

Cross Country Skiing

Cross country skiing is a favorite exercise for guests of the Village. Over 14 kilometers of trails in the village area provide an invigorating way for the visitors to enjoy the clear crisp mountain air. Ski rentals are available through PEREGRINE SPORTS in the Kananaskis Village Centre. For more information of ski rentals, please call 591-7453.

Ice Skating

This is another popular winter activity in the Kananaskis Village. While temperatures permit, you can go skating on the Village Pond and enjoy the scenery in the Village from a different angle. Ice skates may be rented at PEREGRINE SPORTS in the Village Centre. For more information on skate rentals, please call 591-7453.

Skiing

NAKISKA, the site of the 1988 Winter Olympic Games Alpine events, is located five minutes from the Lodge. Ski lessons are available for those looking to improve their skills. For those first time skiers, equipment rentals are available. The ski terrain, which is 16% novice, 70% intermediate and 14% expert is suitable for skiers of all abilities. For more information call 591-7777.

FORTRESS MOUNTAIN is another ski hill located in the Kananaskis Village area. Just 19 kilometers south of the Village, Fortress offers a wide variety of ski terrain for the entire family. 20% of the terrain is novice, 55% of the mountain is rated as intermediate, and 25% is expert. Ski lessons and rentals are also available for people of all ages and abilities. Day-care is available for infants and children up to six years of age. For further information, please call 591-7108.

A shuttle bus service from the Lodge to both ski areas will be available on a complimentary basis.

Sleigh Rides

BOUNDARY STABLES offers sleigh rides for groups from 2 to 20 people. Information regarding these rides may be obtained by calling BOUNDARY STABLES at 591-7171.

Heli-Skiing

For the more adventurous skier, heli-skiing can be arranged through CANMORE HELICOPTERS on an individual basis throughout the winter months. For more information please call 678-4802.

TRADE SHOW

AT THE

1991 ALBERTA SHEEP SYMPOSIUM

THE LODGE AT KANANASKIS

DECEMBER 5 - 7

8 foot booth - $50.00 + GST

16 foot booth - $75.00 + GST

Cost of staying at the Lodge: $82.87/person/day for room and 3 meals (based on double occupancy)

For more information on the trade show or to reserve a booth, contact:

Wray Whitmore
Sheep Specialist
Alberta Agriculture
#204, 7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6
403-427-5083

THE RETURN OF ALBERTA SHEEP FROM B.C. FORESTRY GRAZING PROJECTS

Southern Alberta's reputation for being free of contagious sheep footrot (SFR) was tarnished this summer because of reports of SFR occurring in Alberta sheep on B.C. clear-cuts. In all reported cases, Alberta sheep had not mixed with any sheep from B.C., thus the infection appeared to originate in Alberta. To prevent the possible spread of SFR, Alberta Agriculture personnel have completed testing, observing and footbathing all suspect flocks.

Reports from shepherds, contractors, observations by Dr. Henry Lange (BCMAF), B.C. veterinary practitioners and B.C. laboratory results were compiled. Based on this information, a total of six flocks were considered suspect or positive for SFR. A seventh flock was questioned in mid-September, but was ruled negative based on Dr. Lange's observations and the stock contractor's information.

There were 12 Alberta contributors to the six flocks in question. Dr. R. Fenton visited each contributor's premises during late August and early September of this year prior to the return of the sheep from B.C. Specimens were collected for laboratory analysis from sheep with foot lesions. In every resident flock, laboratory testing was negative and clinical footrot was not evident.

One Saskatchewan patron had sheep in a suspect flock. This flock was subsequently considered negative based on B.C. information. They underwent repeated footbathing on-site and had a one hour footsoak prior to returning to Saskatchewan.

Of the six suspect flocks, we concluded that one was positive for SFR, three were inconclusive and two negative. The positive flock underwent extensive footbathing on-site and a 50 minutes supervised footsoak upon return to Alberta. The three inconclusive flocks each underwent 35 to 50 minute footsoaks back in Alberta. The remaining negative flock was footsoaked for 30 minutes, also under supervision. In all cases a 20% zinc sulphate solution was used.

Alberta Agriculture did not quarantine any of the returning Alberta sheep. Prior to next year's browsing season, on-farm health inspections will be required by B.C. authorities. At that time, the footrot status of all flocks applying for B.C. forestry grazing contracts will be evaluated.

In summary, reports of footrot-infected Alberta sheep on B.C. clearcuts were largely unfounded. One flock of 300 animals considered positive (BCMAF) was extensively treated as were three inconclusive flocks. No evidence of infection was found in resident Alberta sheep. Dr. Henry Lange spent most of this summer monitoring the health status of browsing sheep and recommending disease control measures. Alberta's stock contractors and patrons showed excellent cooperation in addressing health concerns both on-site and in Alberta. It is our opinion that southern Alberta still remains largely free of sheep footrot.

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ALBERTA SHEEP INDUSTRY NEWS.....

AND VIEWS

STRIKE CAUSES COMPETITION CANCELLATION

The first annual Canadian National Lamb Carcass Competition was cancelled at the last minute due the civil service strike. An integral part of the event was that lamb carcasses would be judged at the various locations across Canada by Federal meat graders. Although the situation varied from province to province it became impossible to guarantee to producer entrants that their lamb carcasses would be judged on the specified date. Because of that uncertainty organizers cancelled the competition.

By the entry deadline 93 entries had been made from across Canada. Producers from every province except New Brunswick and NewFoundland had made entries. Organizers were delighted with the number of entries. They had optimistically expected around 60 possible entries. According to Canadian Sheep Federation manager Andy Dagenais entries would have been more than double had there been more promotion of the event. Slaughter and judging locations were in Langley B.C., Innisfail Alta., Drake Sask., Carmen Man., Toronto Ont., Bromptonville Que., and Truro Nova Scotia.

Provincial competitions were continued in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Committee secretary Will Verboven stated "that their were concerns whether this national contest could really be carried out." But in the end all the necessary logistics were in place such as Air Transport, refrigeration space, coordinators and many other details. He added "considering that the competition was also affected by the postal strike and the loss of some funding was a considerable achievement just getting as far as we did under the circumstances".

Competition committee Chairman Ian Clark stated that "Although it was unfortunate the competition had to be cancelled, all the planning was not wasted as the experience will be valuable in organizing a 1992 event.

EDMONTON NORTHLANDS CANCELS FARMFAIR SHEEP SHOW

The Agriculture Director of Edmonton Northlands Leroy Emerson has announced that the sheep section of the FarmFair show has been cancelled for 1991. The reason given was that there was a lack of adequate entries to hold a competitive show. Mr. Emerson also stated that adjustments and rationalizations have had to be made in prize money and minimum entries for all livestock shows. This has caused some concerns with show participants and has led to a number of them reconsidering their participation. He added that this cancellation was for the 1991 show only and would not affect the 1992 show.

The cancellation came as something of a shock to many purebred producers as this event has been held continuously for over 80 years in Edmonton.

According to sources in the purebred sheep industry, this cancellation could be part of an ominous pattern following the cancellation of sheep shows in Camrose and Lethbridge. It is felt that the redirection of Agriculture Canada funding away from Livestock show support may have had some bearing on the cancellations.

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FEDERATION MEETS WITH AMERICAN SHEEP INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES

The 2nd Canada/USA Sheep Industry meeting was held September 8-9 in Calgary. Representing the American Sheep Industry Association was the President Jim Magagna of Rock Springs, Wyoming and the Executive Director, John Olsen of Denver, Colorado. Representing the Canadian Sheep Federation were Gerry Pittman the Chairman, Jim Wilkins Vice-Chairman, Andy Dagenais Executive Director, and Dwane Morvik, Director. Observers in attendance from the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission were Kathy Playdon, Ian Clark, Clarence Jones and Will Verboven. From the Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board, Colleen Sawyer and from the B.C. Sheep and Wool Commission, Pat Holman. From the Lamb Feeders of Canada Association, Floyd Williams and from Canada West Foods, Gary Haley.

The meeting reviewed a number of topics including wool tariffs, health protocols, scrapie, feeder lambs and other technical areas. Participants also discussed at length New Zealand and Australian imports and their different effects on our markets.

There was a consensus that through mutual cooperation in areas such as lamb promotion both American and Canadian producers could compete more effectively against off-shore imports. The meeting Chairman Gerry Pittman stated that the interests of both countries were similar in areas of trade. It was also felt that a North American approach towards the issue of offshore imports should be pursued. Staff of both organizations were instructed to priorize some of the issues discussed for more detailed discussions at the next meeting scheduled for early 1992.

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ALBERTA SHEEP BREEDS POSTER AVAILABLE FROM ASBA

A full colour 24in. by 38in. poster featuring 18 Alberta Sheep Breeds is now available from the Alberta Sheep Breeders Association office. The cost of the poster is $5.00 each and they are available in English or Spanish. The posters are being used in the promotion of the sale of Alberta Sheep Breeding Stock both domestic and for export.

Sheep Breeds posters have proven popular as collectors items. Posters issued by the British Wool Board are well known.

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WOOL STABILIZATION PAYMENT ALMOST READY

The manager of the Canadian Sheep Federation states that the Agriculture Canada Wool Stabilization payment is in the final stages of approval. Once the funds are received by the Federation office, applications will be made available to sheep organizations and to sheep supply outlets across Canada.

Only Wool marketed in 1990 will be eligible for the stabilization payment. Producers will have up to five years to apply for the 1990 payment. An acceptable invoice, bill of sale or other document indicating that the wool was marketed in 1990 is required for the application. The Canadian Sheep Federation will assess all applications a $10.00 fee.

There will be no payments made after 1990 as the Agriculture Canada program under which payments are made has been cancelled. The program known as ASA 90 supported a number of commodities has been replaced by the new NISA support program.

The wool stabilization program is not to be confused with National Tripartite Sheep Stabilization nor Alberta Feeder Lamb Stabilization both of which will continue.

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ESTHER LAMBERT REIGNS SUPREME AS FLEECE WOOL QUEEN

Once again Esther Lambert of Hal's 1/2 acre farm, Winfield Alberta has dominated fleece wool shows in Alberta. She won both the Lloydminster and Olde Tyme Sheep Faire events with Grand Champions. Winning entries were Romneys and Polworh/Romney crosses.

Wool show judge Will Verboven states that Esthers' entries over the past years have caused the overall quality of entries to also increase dramatically. "She has had a real positive effect" he added.

Wool show entries on the whole are expanding as prize money increases, with Grand Champions at the $150.00 level. With show expansion, additional wool classes are being added to the various shows.

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ASBA ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Alberta Sheep Breeders Association will be Saturday November 30th at Olds College. See next months Footnotes for further details.

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The Classifieds

FOR SALE - SHEEP

25 SUFFOLK cross ewes. 2-4 yrs old from closed flock. Records available, full vaccination & disease prevention program. We are reducing our flock. $80/ewe. Purebred rams. Suffolk 3 yr old and North Country Cheviot 2 yr old. $200/ram. Calgary area, Chris, 272-9090 (10)

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COMPLETE FLOCK dispersal. 150 Suffolk ewes. 270 lambs Suffolk & Romanov cross (1/2 rams & 1/2 ewe lambs). Ewe lambs will make excellent breeding stock. Very reasonably priced. Richard Cadieux, Lac La Biche, 623-4944 (leave message on machine) (10)

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SUFFOLKS - 50 dry ewes - $150 each, 28 replacement ewes - $100 each. Papered & unpapered. Willy, Alder Flats, 388-2371 (10)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL - 20 registered Suffolk ewes - $150-175, 13 ewe lambs, ram Strawbar 64Z - $250. Ram lambs sired by Gloamin 6X - $150. L. Coulson, Sangudo, 785-2469 (10)

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22 SUFFOLK cross ewes. Bred Dorset. Start lambing end of November. Ked-free & sound. $75 each. Ralph or Leanne, Alix, 747-2175 (10)

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3/4 FINN, 1/4 Rambouillet ram - 2 1/2 yrs old - $150. Also 1 black ram - $100. Jay, Rimbey, 783-5737 (10)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL - Ewe lambs - Suffolk/Finn crosses. 55 - 2 yr olds, 10 - 1 yr olds. Horst, Manning, 836-2224 (10)

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KATAHDIN RAMS - 7/8 - $250. Purebred - $350. Jim, Onoway, 967-4453 (10)

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COMPLETE DISPERSAL - 65 ewes - Suffolk & Suffolk/Dorset cross, 2-5 yrs olds. No culls. $50 each. Albert, Bittern Lake, 672-6320 (10)

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BORDER LEISTER - 2 registered ewes, 3 purebred ewes, 1 black 3/4 Leister ewe. Price negotiable. Eckehart Marenholtz, Flatbush, 681-2430 (10)

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ENTIRE FLOCK of 60 registered Suffolk ewes, 36 - 1991 ewe lambs & breeding rams. All bloodlines from Happy Valley. Circle S Suffolks, Beaumont, 929-9300 (10)

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2 REGISTERED Suffolk rams. 1 - 2 yr old, 1 - 3 yr old. John Dodds, Ponoka, 783-6817 (10)

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TWO 2-year old Clun Forest rams. Purebred, no papers. 936-5480 (Dalemead), please leave a message. (10)

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LINCOLN/DORSET ewe lambs. Excellent commercial breeding stock with top quality fleeces. $130 each. Bob or Moira Milligan, LBU Sheep Farm, Delta, B.C. (604) 946-1876 (10)

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CANADIAN & Rideau Arcott ram lambs. Selected on performance. Closed foundation flock. Deb or Ian Clark, Medicine Ridge Farm, Bentley, 748-2624 (10)

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YEARLING RAMBOUILLET rams. Starting at $200. Robert or Amy, Didsbury, 335-4348 (10)

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COLUMBIA RAMS. All registered. 1 2yr old, 1 yearling (#1 grower at the 1990 Alberta Ram Test Station, ADG .466 kg/day), 1 ram lamb (#2 grower at 1991 Alberta Ram Test Station, ADG .452 kg/day). All guaranteed breeders. Quiet disposition. Carol, Athabasca, 675-2942 or 675-2945 (10)

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80 EWES, 40 Suffolk, 40 cross-bred, 3-4 yr olds. Good clean flock, $50 each. Norm, Stettler, 742-5989 (10)

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PUREBRED RAMBOUILLET rams. All have ROP multi index over 100 and all are twins. Scott or Cindy, Pallisade Farms, Strathmore, 934-3675 (10)

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1/2 & 1/4 Romanov/Suffolk cross ewe lambs. Tracy Hagedorn, Bittern Lake, 352-4372 (10)

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40 COMMERCIAL ewes. Dorset/Cheviot cross. Healthy & easy lambers. $40 each. Rudy, Leduc, 986-2384 (10)

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PUREBRED NORTH Country rams. Yearlings. N.K. Erickson, Box 544, Beaverlodge, TOH OCO (10)

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DISPERSAL SALE of commercial flock. 90 Suffolk, Cheviot, Finn ewes. Clean flock 1-4 yrs old. $75 your choice, $65 if you take them all. Cheviot ram $125. Black ram $125. 3/4 Romanov ram $100. Albert Johnson, Fox Creek, 524-2549 (10)

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10 FINN ewe lambs, twins & triplets - $750 for the lot. 15 mature rams - $50 - $80. 25 bred ewes, twin & triplet producers, records available, bred Suffolk, to start lambing Jan 15/92 - $1250. Silverbirch Stock Farm, Cherhill, 785-2837 (10)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL. 18 commercial ewes. Good starter flock. Have been covered for January breeding. Ages 2-5 yrs. No culls. Joanne or Terry, Strathmore, 934-4089 (10)

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80 HEAD 3 yr old Rambouillet ewes - $75 each. Graham, Dalemead, 936-5411 (10)

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2 YR old Suffolk/Romanov ram. Must go! Cory, Alix, 747-3403 (10)

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8 SUFFOLK/Hampshire ram lambs - $50 each. Don, Darwell, 892-3445 (10)

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POLYPAY STOCK ewe lambs. Selected for mothering ability. Vern Gleddie, Namao, 973-5627 (10)

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70 SUFFOLK cross ewes - 2-5 yrs old. Will sell separately - $60 each. Don or Donna, Dapp, 954-2273 (10)

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PUREBRED POLYPAY ram and ewe lambs. March/April '91 born. $100 each. Ken Hove, Barrhead, 674-6449 (evenings) (10)

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REGISTERED POLYPAY - 1 2 yr old ram - highest gaining ram. '89 Olds Test - $450. 2 rams ready for breeding $350 each. 5 ram lambs - $150 each. Exposed ewes & ewe lambs - $150 each. Herman, Ardrossan, 922-5973 (10)

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PUREBRED DORSET ram lambs, Wild & Wooly & Briar Glen breeding. Ralph, Newbrook, 576-2223 (After 6PM) (10)

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BRIGHTBANK FINN sheep has top quality registered Finns. Triplet & quadruple Finn/Dorset cross rams & ewe lambs. To arrange for visit please call. Kathy, Stony Plain, 963-0416 (10)

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1 - 15 month old purebred Romanov ram. With or without papers. 1 Suffolk/Romanov ram. 2 yrs old. Good breeder. Increase lamb production to 225%. 21 - 3/4 Romanov ewe lambs, 12 - 1/2 cross Romanov ewes - 1 & 2 yrs old. John, Eckville, 746-3675 (After 8 PM) (11)

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REGISTERED DORSET rams & ewes. Patric Lyster, Coyote Acres, Vilna, 636-2894 (11)

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2 PROVEN Suffolk rams. Excellent breeding. Will take first $100 each. Andrew, Lousana, 749-2191 (11)

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CAMPSIE COVE Mini Farm has purebred Finn ram & ewe lambs. $75 each. Robert, Barrhead, 674-2968 (11)

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10 REGISTERED Suffolk ewe lambs. Weighing up to 150 lbs. $90 each. Glen & Annette Kershaw, Didsbury, 335-4983 (11)

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50 PUREBRED Suffolk ewes. 1-6 yrs old. Price depends on ewe. 30 purebred ewe lambs - asking $75. 2 - 3 yr old Suffolk rams. Both quiet. $250 each. Caroline &/or Mark, Morinville, 973-6979 (11)

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REGISTERED HAMPSHIRE & Columbia rams & ewes. This year's lambs and 2 & 3 yr olds. Top quality stock - disease-free, guaranteed healthy. Herd dispersal, reasonable prices. Lynn Langlois, 359-2146 (11)

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REGISTERED DORSET & Suffolk rams. Small groups of bred ewes available. John or Edith Williams, Ponoka, 784-3511 (11)

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300 CROSSBRED ewes - Suffolk/Columbia & Suffolk/ Rambouillet cross. 1-5 yrs old. Gerry Pittman, Picture Butte, 757-2480 (11)

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30 SUFFOLK open ewes. Dewormed & vaccinated. 2-5 yrs old - $50 each. Also 30 Rambouillet open ewes. Dewormed & vaccinated. 2-5 yrs old - $50 each. Harry, Vegreville, 632-2411 (11)

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29 RAMBOUILLET commercial ewes - $1800. 3 purebred Polypay ram lambs - $100 each. Dalint Sheep Feedlot, Linden, 546-2618 (11)

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RETIREMENT IS getting closer so we've decided to reduce our flock of high percentage Romney ewes from 135 to 50. Some colored. Producers of award winning fleeces. 1-4 yr olds - $50 each. Ewe lambs, some are Romney/ Marino/Polworth - $75 each O.B.O. Also purebred Romney ram lambs. Henry & Esther Lambert, Hals 1/2 Aker, Winfield, 403-682-3742 (11)

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2 REGISTERED North Country Cheviot rams. 1 Romanov/ Suffolk cross ram. Lori, Stettler, 742-1854 (11)

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KATAHDIN HAIR sheep. 11 purebred ewes, 4 purebred rams, 4 3/4 Katahdin, 1/4 Columbia ewes, 4 1/2 Katahdin, 1/2 Columbia ewes. Debbie, Tangent, 359-2519 or Ft. McMurray, 743-3817 (11)

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3 YEARLING American registered Polypay rams. Can register Canadian - $150 each. Cathy, Okotoks, 938-4227 (11)

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40 EXCELLENT 2 yr old breeding ewes. Suffolk & Suffolk/Dorset cross. 20 ewes 3-6 yrs old. Will sell open or bred to Luxford ram. Clean, wormed, 8-way vaccinated. Priced at current market trend. Curtis Culp, Dunster, B.C., (604) 968-4309 (11)

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BRED SUFFOLK ewes. Complete dispersal of all Suffolks. Mountainview Ovine Enterprises Inc., Sundre, 638-2836 (11)

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ROMNEY YEARLING rams & ram lambs. From our select Romney flock. All Romneys have been tested brucellia ovis and medi visna free. Come out for a coffee & make your selection. All guaranteed sound & breeders. Contact Doreen, Arrowwood, 534-2144 (11)

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74 EWE flock, made up of 35 purebred Polypay 2 yr olds, 6 purebred Polypay yearlings, 8 Finn/Corriedale 4 yr olds, 20 Polypay cross 3 yr olds, 5 Polypay cross yearlings, 1 registered 3 yr old Polypay ram and 1 2 yr old Polypay ram. No culls. Ewes selected for milking ability and lambing ease. Polypays are noted for unassisted birth, strong maternal traits, feed efficiency and gain (Finn/Rambouillet/Dorset/Targhee cross). Consistent near 200% lamb crop, lambing records available. $4,500.00 takes all. Mary Anne Lehman, 584-3933 days, 584-2617 evenings. Delivery can be arranged. (11)

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DORSET/ROMANOV ram. 2 yrs old. Reasonable. Colleen, Alix, 747-2126 (11)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL. 70 head 2-4 yr old ewes, some Canadian Arcott cross and Suffolk cross. No culls. Sacrifice $45 each. 1 papered Canadian Arcott ram and 1 papered Suffolk ram. 1 Suffolk/Finn cross ram and 1 Suffolk/Arcott cross ram. Betty Turton, Vilna, 636-2458 (After 9 PM) (11)

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REGISTERED PUREBRED Katahdin sheep. A fine selection, all inquiries welcome. Dwayne Ruether, Bjorkdale, Saskatchewan, (306) 886-4416 or (306) 886-2213 (11)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL. 150 ewes Suffolk cross (1-5 yrs old). Also available ewe lambs and rams 2-5 yrs old. Darrel, Veteran, 575-2227 (After 7 PM) (11)

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9 ROMANOV ewes. Don, Eckville, 746-5515 (11)

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FOR SALE - GOATS

2 EXCELLENT milking does, 1 & 2 yrs old. Well trained & easy to milk. Leanne, Alix, 747-2175 (10)

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REGISTERED & grade Angora goats - reasonably priced. Brian, Breton, 696-3605 (10)

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CASHMERE GOATS. Easier to look after than Angoras. Twins & triplets common. Duel purpose meat & fibre producing goats. Cashmere is finest fiber in the world. Also, black Spanish meat goat, yearling buck - $90. Jim, Onoway, 967-4453 (10)

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SMALL FLOCK of Angora goats. 6 does, 2 bucks. All are registered & disease-free. Vivian, Bruderheim, 796-3556 (10)

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1 1/2 YR old Saanen buck from good milking lines - $200. 3 month old Saanen buck kid - $150 (tatooed & papered). Also have several Angora does & doe kids - $100-$150. Karen, Hi Prairie, 523-3795 (10)

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YOUNG BREEDING bucks. Saanen or Alpine. Asking $75 each. Barb, Torhild, 398-3924 (10)

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2 SAANEN milking does; 1 yr old Saanen doe; tatooed and papered. 3 does born this spring, not papered yet. All are healthy and tame, from excellent milking stock. Erika Vester, 337-2496 (h), Carstairs or 556-2299 (w), Olds (11)

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5 NUBIAN cross Alpine does. From small healthy herd. 2-4 yr old pets. All shots. Must be sold by Oct 15. Doug, Ardrossan, 922-5528 (11)

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NUBIAN & Nubian cross billies. 9 months - 2 years. Priced from $70 up. Glen & Annette Kershaw, Didsbury, 335-4983 (11)

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FOR SALE - DOGS

GREAT PYREENES Wolfhound cross pups. Both parents purebred & excellent for coyote control. Make good sheep guard dogs - $100 each. Sharon, Hythe, 356-2655 (10)

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LIVESTOCK GUARDIANS. CKC registered, Komondor puppies. From working parents. Sheep raised. Born July 24/91. Fred or Marlene, Lloydminster, (306) 825-2640 (10)

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PUREBRED MALE Border Collie, born Nov 1/90. Ready for training and extremely eager. All shots. Carol, Athabasca, 675-2942 or 675-2945 (10)

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REGISTERED SHELTIES. Tatooed, vaccinated and dew claws removed. Tri-color & blue merle. Maryann, Drumheller, 823-2036 (evenings) (10)

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GREAT PYREENES. Male 4 1/2 months old. Friendly. Earl or Gail, Rimbey, 843-6044 (leave message) (10)

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1 REGISTERED purebred Border Collie female - 1 yr old. Started. John, Eckville, 746-3675 (10)

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GREAT PYREENES puppies from working bloodlines. Reservations suggested. Written guarantee. Shots & tattoos. Registered. Puppies started now will be working well by spring lambing. Kaslan Kennels, Strathmore, 934-2778 (10)

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GUARD DOGS - puppies from working Great Pyreenes parents. 783-2480 or 783-6693 (evenings or weekends) (11)

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4 GREAT Pyreenes male puppies. $300 each. Willy, Alder Flats, 388-2371 (11)

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LIVESTOCK GUARDING dogs. Great Pyreenes puppies. Registered. Shots. Guaranteed. Excellent guardians for sheep or farm protection. Gentle with children. Ready now. Helen, Strathmore, 403-934-2778 (11)

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BORDER COLLIES. Top imported lines. Parents excellent working dogs. Both sheep & cattle. Every pup or started dog guaranteed to suit the purchaser. Ron Gale, Sundre, 638-2836 (11)

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FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS

CHRISTMAS IS coming! To make your shopping easy, give 'Cooking With Lamb', an exclusive lamb cookbook by Jelaine McDermit. Offering recipes for ALL lamb cuts plus helpful information and different methods of cooking lamb. Unlike many lamb recipes which use rare and exotic ingredients, the recipes in 'Cooking With Lamb' use everyday ingredients. They are simple & have easy-to-follow instructions to ensure delicious results every time. The book is $10.65 including GST and $1.00 postage & handling and are available by contacting Jelaine McDermit, R R #2, Carstairs TOM ONO, 337-2397 or Clive 784-3620. Volume discounts are available on orders of 5 books or more. (10)

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1 SHEEP scale, 1 sheep creep feeder - 250 bushel, 3 sheep hay feeders - 16' on skids, John Dodds, Ponoka, 783-6817 (10)

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LITTLE LAKE Ranch. 88+ acres, 3 bedroom home, riding arena, barn, good corrals, fenced & cross fenced, 9 miles from Stettler, unlimited water, 2 dugouts, one used for stocking trout. Presently raising sheep & training horses. Little Lake Ranch, Stettler, 742-0986 (10)

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70 ACRES with buildings, power, water. Centrally located in the Peace River area, at Watino, Alberta. Bordering the Smoky River, isolated at the end of the valley. Ideal location for exotic animals, sheep or goats. Photos available. Asking $35,000. Val, 837-8278 (Early AM or meal times) (10)

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ROUND BALE sheep feeder. $275. Also selling 1 1/2 & 1 3/4 O.D. pipe at 55¢ foot. Large quantities available. Ideal for sheep & cattle corrals. Rod Ceccato, Eckville, 746-5455 (10)

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ANTIQUE SHEARING machine with clutch, shaft & handpiece - could be put into working condition - $50. Cee-Der Sheep Products, Box 2404, Canmore, 678-2220 (11)

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CUSTOM MADE movable sheds - 3 sizes - 8 x 16, 12 x 24, 16 x 32. All with built in creep feeders, hay feeders & sealed windows. Also lambing crate hay feeders & lamb creep feeders. Can deliver. Neil VanWaas, Rocky Mtn House, 729-3827 (11)

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A.J. EWE Handle-her Equipment. Round bale feeders, work excellent. Corral systems. Scales and other equipment designed for sheep. John Howard, Didsbury, 335-9155 (11)

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SHEEP WEIGH scale. Very good condition. Pat, Calmar, 985-3272 (11)

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FOR SALE OR TRADE

SUNBEAM STEWART shearing machine. In excellent condition. Has clutch & jointed shaft. Numerous combs & cutters. **TRADE FOR** electric shear master. Lee Penman, Wetaskiwin, 352-2949 (10)

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2 PUREBRED Hampshire rams - a 2 & 5 yr old and 8 Suffolk/Hampshire cross ram lambs - $50 - $125 **OR TRADE** for square straw or hay bales. Don, Darwell, 892-3445 (10)

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FLOCK REDUCTION sale. Polled Dorset ewes & ewe lambs available. Stock young & healthy - no culls. Priced to sell, **OR TRADE FOR** good quality hay or grain. Harvey or Eleanor Oatway, Grande Prairie, 532-6772 (10)

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SMALL HERD of Angora goats. 6 does, 2 bucks. All are registered. **WILLING TO TRADE FOR** pygmy goats of equal value. Vivian, Bruderheim, 796-3556 (10)

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COLUMBIAN/ROMNEY cross yearling ram **FOR SALE OR TRADE.** Larry or Therese Driver, High River, 652-4201 (11)

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REGISTERED ALPINE bucks born March '91. Registered Saanen buck born February '91. Both are from excellent milking stock. **FOR SALE OR TRADE** for buck of same quality. Joan, Tomahawk, 339-2118 (11)

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OUR ENTIRE Romanov crossbred ewe flock. We now have 250 purebred Romanov ewes & have no more room for the crosses. Most are 2-3 yr olds & have averaged 230%+ lamb crop. No health problems. **TO SELL OR TRADE** grain, hay, machinery or ?. Hi Lo Hills Romanov 'The Ewe Makers', Tom or Nelda, Musidora, 657-2004 (11)

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FOR SALE OR TRADE guard llama for sheep. 1 1/2 yr old, male, chocolate brown, halter broke. $500. Mary, Sundre, 556-2884 (11)

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WANTED - SHEEP

FEEDER LAMBS, cull ewes, breeding ewes & goats of all types. John Bolay, Westlock, 349-5203 (No Sunday calls please) (10)

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BRED EWES to put out on lamb share basis 91-92 season. We look after summer pasture of ewes. Mountainview Ovine Enterprises Inc., Sundre, 638-2836 (11)

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ORPHANED LAMBS - any breed and as many as you have that you don't want to bother with. In the area surrounding Stony Plain, Calmar, Thorsby, Warburg, Winfield, Breton and Drayton Valley. Joan, Warburg, 848-7674 before 10 AM or after 5 PM (11)

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WANTED - GOATS

LOOKING FOR buck which has Hearts Delight breeding plus overall index of 100+. Possibly trade with similar breeding. Marilyn, Carstairs, 337-3956 (10)

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GOOD MILKING does. Jim, Bluffton, 843-3774 (11)

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WANTED - MISCELLANEOUS

USED PAGE wire for fencing Angora goats. Marilyn, Carstairs, 337-3956 (10)

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SHEEP SQUEEZE, good condition, reasonably priced. Carol, Athabasca, 675-2942 or 675-2945 (10)

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SHEEP SCALE. Barb, Edson, 723-2671 (11)

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

SHARES - 300-400 head of commercial Dorset cross, Arcott, Suffolk, Rambouillet and Hampshire ewes bred to top gaining ROP Dorset rams. Must be lambed out by March. Contact Marilyn Verwiere with details of your experience and facilities and requirements. Briar Glen Farms, Starthmore, 934-4262 (10)

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ANYONE INTERESTED in purchasing embryos? We are now in the process of implanting Hampshire & Romney embryos from one of the top world renown New Zealand studs. For more information please phone or fax 403-534-2144. Ask for Garry or write Box 239, Arrowwood, TOL OBO (11)

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ZENFLEX WOOL Marketing. Buying wool in Innisfail at White Metal Bldg. (2nd Bldg. to west from Lambco). By appointment only. To arrange delivery of wool & information call Zenek Matkowski, 343-6308 or Mary Anne Brown, 227-1690 (10)

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CUSTOM WOOLEN MILLS - Your complete processing facility. Full range of custom services for wool and other fibers - washing, carding, dyeing, spinning and sewing. Have your wool made into batts, comforters, mattress pads, sleeping bags, carded wools for hooking and handspinning, yarns (skeined or coned) in a variety of colours and styles. MOHAIR, LLAMA, ALPACA PRODUCERS - We are pleased to announce that we have improved our exotic fiber production and are now able to offer a better service to exotic fiber producers. We will, as we have been for years, continue to process exotics into roping, either as 100% exotic, or as a blend. We can now also offer processing to a spinning roll or a variety of years in a 80% exotic - 20% wool blend! We feel that these yarns are of excellent quality and will have them available at the mill in natural as well as dyed colours. For further information concerning prices, processing, colours, blends, or new products, please contact us. Custom Woolen Mills, Carstairs, 337-2221 (11)

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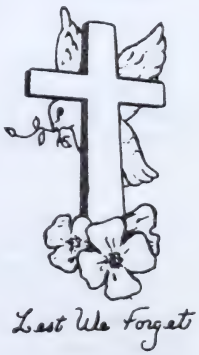

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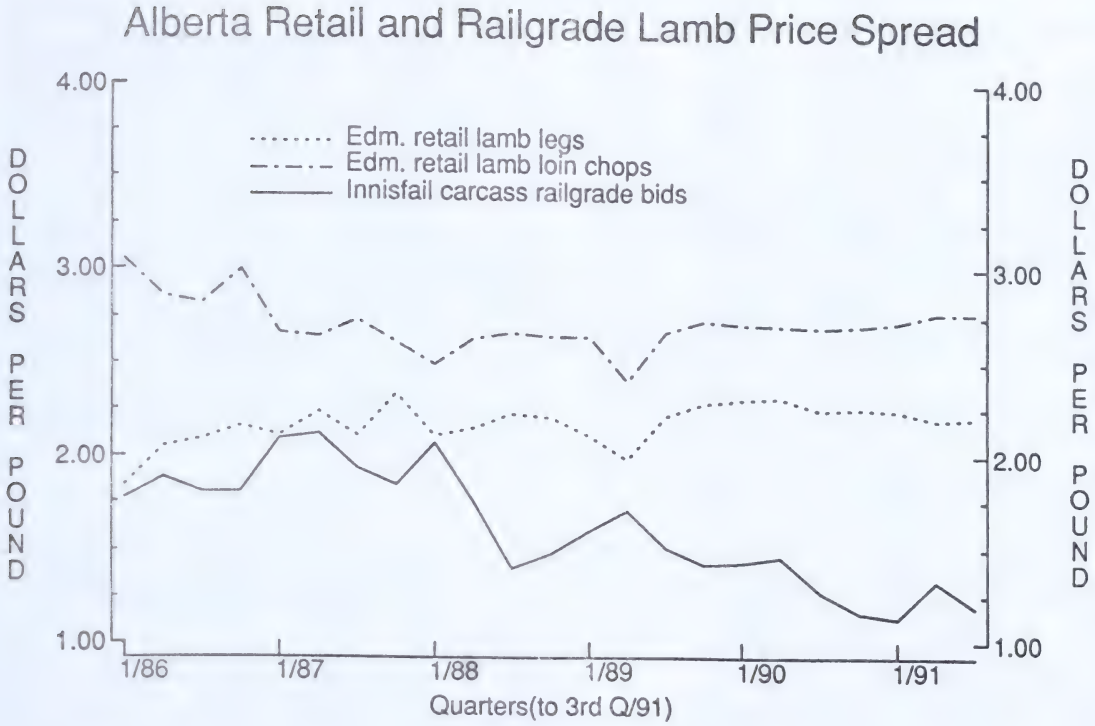

Note: 3rd Q/91 estimated

At Canada West Foods, in Innisfail, bids for slaughter lambs were steady in October, at $47 per cwt. Slaughter lambs for export at the Fort Macleod Auction brought $50 per cwt. At the latest sale in Edmonton, slaughter lambs went for $38 to $42 per cwt, while feeder lambs sold from $38 to $45 per cwt.

In the United States, slaughter lambs have trended mostly in the U.S. $50 to $55 per cwt range. Ample supplies of lamb carcasses and light demand have undermined wholesale carcass prices. With the value of the Canadian dollar increasing above 88.5 cents U.S., Alberta slaughter lamb prices will continue to remain at about last year's price levels.

One factor that has prevented farmgate prices for lambs from recovering is the ever widening margins between prices for retail cuts and prices that producers receive in the market place. The problem is serious enough in the United States, that a Congressional committee has been struck to examine differences between wholesale and retail lamb prices.

There appears to be a similar trend here in Alberta. In 1987, the per cent differences in prices between railgrade lamb at Innisfail and Edmonton retail fresh lamb legs and loin chops were on average 11% and 34%, respectively. A steady widening of this margin has occurred such that for the first three quarters of 1991, the per cent difference in prices between railgrade lamb at Innisfail and Edmonton retail fresh lamb legs and loin chops is on average 83% and 127%, respectively. Consumers may find relatively high retail prices for lamb, while beef and pork prices are declining, to be a significant deterrent to putting lamb into their grocery carts.

JO ANN CMOLUCH
MARKET ECONOMIST
Market Analysis Branch
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FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER (Head)

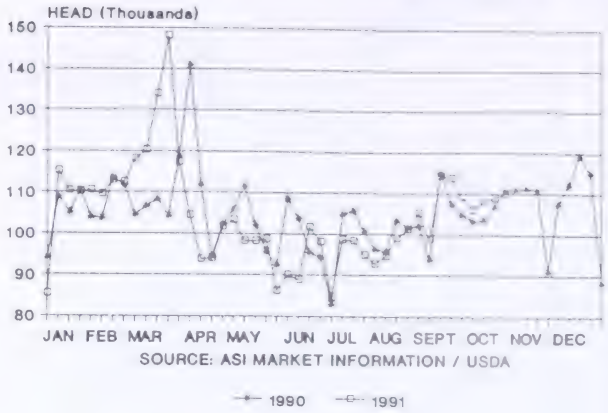
	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 10/05/91 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1991 vs 1990 TOTAL
SHEEP	110,000	-2.8	-0.6	106,014	4,704,000	0.0
CATTLE	626,000	-2.3	+0.8	635,571	27,740,000	-2.0
CALF	27,000	-6.9	-25.1	27,025	1,179,000	-21.4
HOGS	1,827,000	-0.3	+12.5	1,794,783	72,546,000	+2.3

RED MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 09/28/91 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1991 vs 1990 TOTAL
LAMB	6.6	+2.6	-5.7	6.5	283.5	-1.2
BEEF	452.7	-2.2	+5.6	473.4	18,613.4	+1.1
VEAL	5.4	-6.3	-16.9	5.7	231.9	-5.3
PORK	327.8	-0.2	+11.3	319.3	12,477.6	+3.1
TOTAL	792.6	-1.4	+7.6	804.9	31,606.4	+1.8

DRESSED WEIGHT		PERCENT LAMB SLAUGHTER	
THIS WEEK (EST.)	60	10/05/91	92.4
09/28/91 (ACT.)	60	10/06/90	94.6

AVERAGE WEEKLY F.I. SLAUGHTER



WHOLESALE LAMB MARKET

	55 lbs-down	55-65 lbs	65-75 lbs
NORTHEAST	$1.10	$1.13	$1.18
FOB RIVER	$1.06	$1.08	$1.13

LESS THAN CARLOT

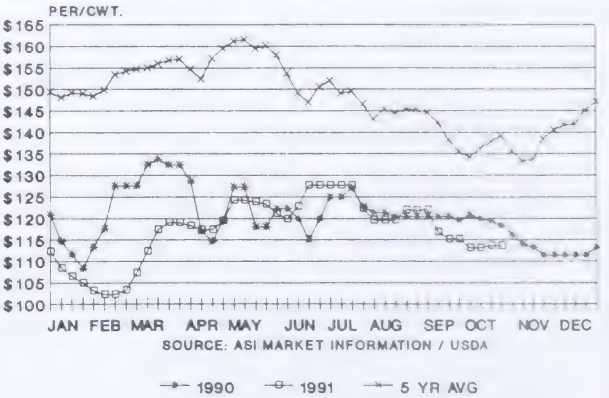
LOS ANGELES	$1.10*	$1.15**	$1.15
BAY AREA	$1.18*	$1.19**	$1.22
NORTHWEST	$1.18*	$1.18**	$1.21

* 60 lbs. & down ** 60-65 lbs.

Carcass trade in the Northeast and Midwest settled mostly steady, except 55/DN in the Midwest steady to $2.00 higher. Trade was slow on moderate offerings. In the Northwest 60/DN carcasses sold 3 cents higher; 60-65 lbs. steady; 65-75 lbs. steady to $2.00 lower. In Los Angeles, 60/DN steady; 60-65 lbs. $1.00-$2.00 higher; 65-75 lbs. $2.00 lower. In the Bay Area, 60/DN carcasses $3.00 higher; 60-65 lbs. steady to $2.00 higher; 65-75 lbs. steady.

EAST COAST WHOLESALE PRICE

WEIGHTED AVERAGE ALL WEIGHTS



DISTRIBUTIVE CUT MARKET & RETAIL FEATURE ACTIVITY

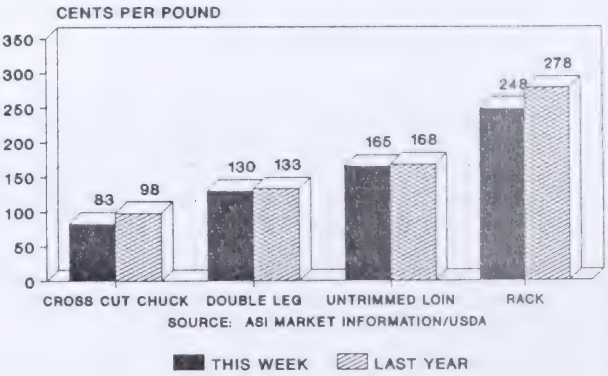
ITEM	NORTH-EAST	BAY AREA	LOS ANGELES	NORTH WEST
CHUCK CROSS CUT	$ .75-.90	No Quote	No Quote	No Quote
CHUCK SQUARE CUT	No Quote	$1.15-1.20*	$1.05-1.10*	$1.15
SINGLE LEG	No Quote	$1.62-1.75*	$1.65-1.85*	$1.70-1.72*
DOUBLE LEG	$1.20-1.40	$1.45-1.55	$1.55-1.60	$1.45
LOIN	$1.45-1.85	$2.95-3.15*	$2.50-3.05*	$3.15*
RACK 7 UP	$2.20-2.75	$2.60-2.75*	$2.65-2.80*	$2.75*
FORE SADDLE	No Quote	No Quote	$1.35	$1.18-1.25
HIND SADDLE	$1.30-1.59	$1.35-1.55	$1.65-1.70	$1.55

* Trimmed and/or vacuumed packed

Distributive lamb cuts in the Northeast, distributive trade on lamb cuts was generally lower. Hindsaddles and hotel racks sold at steady prices with some advance noted on racks under 7 lbs. Cross cut chucks and loins were 5 cents lower; double legs were steady to 5 cents lower. The 55/DN carcasses in the distributive trade were steady at $1.20-$1.25. In the Northwest, cuts were mostly steady except oven-ready legs which were 2 cents higher and 7/DN hotel racks that were 10 cents higher. In Los Angeles and the Bay Area, cut prices were little changed.

EAST COAST CUT PRICES

AVERAGE



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AS OF OCTOBER 25, 1991

REPRESENTATIVE LIVE SALES

AREA	TYPE OF SHEEP	TYPE OF SALE	HEAD	LBS.	WEIGHING CONDITIONS	PRICE ($/CWT.)
WEST COAST						
California	Feeders	Auction	450	60-100	Choice & Fancy, Wooled/shorn	41.00-47.00
California	Sl. Ewes	Auction	400		Cull to Good, Wooled/shorn	10.00-20.50
MOUNTAIN						
N. Mexico	Sl. Lamb	Direct	4000	100-120	Choice, Few Prime, No 1-2 pelts, FOB 4% shrink	52.00-54.00
Montana	Sl. Lamb	Auction	450	100-120	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled	43.00-45.00
N. Mexico	Feeders	Direct	20,000	80-90	Choice & Fancy, Wooled, FOB overnight stand or 3%	48.00
Wyoming	Feeders	Direct	12,000	70-85	Choice & Fancy, Wooled, Equiv. 3%	47.00-49.00
Colorado	Feeders	Auction	2890	69-112	Choice & Fancy, Wooled	48.00-52.00
Montana	Feeders	Direct	8000	80-95	Choice & Fancy, Wooled, FOB equiv. 3% shrink	44.00-50.00
Montana	Feeders	Auction	1800	70-100	Choice & Fancy, Wooled	45.00-48.25
Idaho	Feeders	Direct	500	70-90	Choice & Fancy, Wooled	45.00
Colorado	Sl. Ewes	Auction	1000		Cull to Good, No 1 & Fall shorn pelts	11.00-23.00
N. Mexico	Sl. Ewes	Direct	2000		Utility & Good, No 1-2 pelts, Delivered	26.00
Montana	Sl. Ewes	Auction	1125		Cull to Good, Wooled	8.00-17.00
Colorado	St. Ewes	Auction	440		Yearling to 2 year olds, Whiteface (per head)	58.00
Colorado	St. Ewes	Direct	4400		Running age, Whiteface ewe (per head)	65.00
Utah	Ewe Lamb	Direct	450	88	Choice & Fancy, Whiteface, FOB overnight stand	55.00
Utah	St. Ewes	Direct	1500		Yearling whiteface (per head)	80.00
Utah	St. Ewes	Direct	500		Running age, Whiteface ewes (per head)	65.00
Nevada	St. Ewes	Direct	1800		3 year old, Whiteface ewes (per head)	
SOUTHCENTRAL						
Kansas	Sl. Lamb	Auction	2785	109-158	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled/shorn	53.50-58.25
Texas	Sl. Lamb	Direct	9000	100-125	Choice & Prime, No 1-2 pelts guaranteed 51%	49.00-51.50
Texas	Feeders	Direct	1000	70-90	Choice & Fancy, Wooled, Eq. 3%	50.00-52.00
Texas	Feeders	Auctions	630	50-85	Choice & Fancy, Wooled	46.00-52.00
Texas	Feeders	Auction	1500	40-70	Choice & Fancy, Wooled, San Angelo	48.00-53.00
Texas	Feeders	Auction	2250	70-90	Choice & Fancy, Wooled, San Angelo	47.00-52.00
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auctions	845		Cull to Good, No 1-2 pelts, Goldthwaite & Junction	11.00-28.50
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auction	3000		Good, No 1-2 pelts	24.00-31.00
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auction	3600		Utility, No 1-2 pelts	18.00-26.00
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auction	900		Cull, No 1-2 pelts	10.00-18.00
NORTHCENTRAL						
Nebraska	Sl. Lamb	Auction	400	115-130	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled/shorn	51.00-54.00
Midwest	Sl. Lamb	Computer	833	111-118	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled/shorn, .20 dis und 110	49.50-54.50
S. Dakota	Sl. Lamb	Auction	3274	106-148	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled/shorn	50.00-60.10
Minnesota	Sl. Lamb	Auction	1435	95-135	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled/shorn	48.00-55.00
Ia-S. MN	Sl. Lamb	Direct	1500	110-137	Ch. & Pr., 1-2 pelts, .10-30 dis und 110 or 120, 4%	53.00-57.00
Ia-S. MN	Sl. Lamb	Direct	2150	105-145	Ch. & Pr., Wooled, .10-30 dis und 110 or 120, 4%	48.00-54.00
Iowa	Sl. Lamb	Auctions	1400	100-154	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled/shorn	48.50-56.75
Iowa	Feeders	Auction	375	50-90	Choice & Fancy, Wooled	40.50-49.00
N. Dakota	Feeders	Auction	330	62-100	Choice & Fancy, Wooled	44.00-48.50
S. Dakota	Feeders	Auctions	3500	53-96	Choice & Fancy, Wooled	47.50-53.50
Minnesota	Feeders	Auction	1385	60-90	Choice & Fancy, Wooled	40.00-45.00
S. Dakota	Sl. Ewes	Auctions	975		Cull to Good, No 1-2 pelts	10.50-23.00
S. Dakota	Ewe Lamb	Auction	1700	70-75	Choice & Fancy, Whiteface, Wooled	50.50-51.75
S. Dakota	St. Ewes	Auction	1800		Solid mouth & 5-6 year old whiteface ewes (per head)	37.00-43.00
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Kentucky	Sl. Lamb	Auction	750	100-140	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled/shorn	49.00-54.00
Michigan	Sl. Lamb	Auction	450	100-130	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled/shorn	49.00-52.00
Virginia	Sl. Lamb	Electronic	393	95-125	Choice & Prime, Wooled/shorn	44.00-48.00
Virginia	Sl. Lamb	Auction	334	95-125	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled/shorn	42.00-46.50
Pennsylvania	Sl. Lamb	Auction	330	80-110	Choice & Prime, Wooled	50.00-57.00
Ohio	Sl. Lamb	Auction	300	100-120	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled/shorn	48.00-56.75
Virginia	Feeders	Auction	325	60-85	Choice & Fancy, Wooled	41.00-48.00
Michigan	Feeders	Pool	500	60-100	Choice & Fancy, Wooled	45.00-50.00
Ohio	Feeders	Auction	300	60-85	Choice & Fancy, Wooled	46.00-51.00
Pennsylvania	Sl. Ewes	Auction	490		Utility & Good, No 1-2 pelts	15.00-25.00
Michigan	Sl. Ewes	Auction	600		Utility & Good, Wooled/shorn	15.00-19.00

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November 14 — ***NORTH-CENTRAL SHEEP SALES.*** *Fat and Feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. All sales being at 1 P.M. For additonal information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), R R #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*

November 21 — ***ALL SHEEP PRODUCERS FROM THE BRETON, DRAYTON VALLEY, THORSBY AREAS*** *are invited to any evening sheep seminar at the Buck Creek Community Hall starting at 7:30 P.M. Topics to be covered include flock nutrition, flock health, lambing and predator control. Everyone is welcome to attend. For further information contact Elaine at 542-5368.*

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December 2	***MOUNTAINVIEW SHEEP PRODUCERS*** *- Monthly meetings. 7:30 P.M. Classroom above Riding Arena - Olds College. For more information call Gerry, 556-2802 or Mike at 224-3743.*
December 4	***ATTENTION - THORHILD, SMOKY LAKE AND RED WATER SHEEP PRODUCERS!*** *A meeting of the tri-county sheep production club will take place at 7:30 P.M. at the Thorhild Community Centre. Tonights meeting will cover record keeping. Why is it important to keep good, accurate records? Different ways of keeping records will be discussed. For further information contact Mike at 398-3993 or Pat at 398-2305.*
December 5-7	***1991 SHEEP SYMPOSIUM****, Kananaskis Lodge. Don't forget to register.*
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PRESS RELEASE

October 9, 1991

ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION RESULTS

The Canadian Sheep Federation (CSF) celebrated its first full year of existence, representing the interests all ten sheep producing provincial organizations and associate members, namely the Canadian Sheep Breeders Association, the Canadian Lamb Feeders Association and the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited.

Elected to the Federation's Executive Board of Directors were Mr. Jim Wilkins (Ontario) as Chairman, Mr. Randy Eros (Manitoba) as Vice Chairman, Mr. Gerry Pittman (Alberta) and Mr. Brian Welling (New Brunswick) as Executive Directors. Each representative is also the Chairman of his respective provincial sheep organization.

According to Mr. Wilkins who succeeds Mr. Pittman as Chairman, indicated that "the Federation efforts in dealing with today's many issues of concern would be producer driven" and that "the first order of business would be to address the price collapse on the marketplace and wool trade".

For more information concerning the Canadian Sheep Federation please contact Mr. Andy Dagensis, Executive Director.

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Hi Fellow Sheep Producers!

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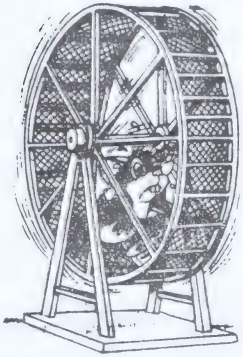

Are you concerned about the sheep industry; about surviving during this recession. As individuals, we have a chance but together we are closer to a sure thing. The Northwest Sheep Producers Association has just formed and we are inviting you to get in on the action NOW!

The region we serve is basically: Edson, Drayton Valley, Warburg, Edmonton, Westlock, Ft. Assiniboine. However, if you are outside that region but are interested in greater Producer Power, you are more than welcome.

Why SHOULD YOU become involved?

We are faced with many challenges in the future: new carcass grading system, innovative marketing, more efficient production. Why struggle on your own when we can learn from each other, and from guest speakers.

Would you like additional marketing opportunities?? We feel cooperative marketing will give us greater power, decrease costs and provide us with just one other opportunity.

How about saving money through group purchasing?? A dollar saved is a dollar earned!!

IF THIS MAKES SENSE TO YOU - JOIN US!!

NOV 15,1991: PROVINCIAL BUILDING
7:30PM STONY PLAIN

Lorna Gibson will speak on the new carcass grading system. The Executive will report on progress AND we NEED YOU to tell us your needs. MEMBERSHIPS($10.00) WILL BE AVAILABLE.

JAN.10,1992: ALBERTA BEACH AGLIPLEX
7:30PM An informational session on cooperative marketing, cooperative purchasing, and educational sessions. This is the meeting where firm decisions will be made - MAKE SURE YOU ARE INCLUDED!

If you want more information, feel free to contact any one of the Executive: Brian Taylor (892-2967); Lillian Chileen (961-2450); Russell Bardak (963-6751); Hugh Bignell (848--7648); Doug Laurie (963-6711); Kathy Playdon (963-0416) or myself Shirley Cuthill (892-2395).

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING!

Yours sincerely

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NORTHWEST SHEEP PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

Much Ado About Texels

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Introduction

The arrival of Texels in Canada, and their release from quarantine at the Meat Animal Research Centre in Clay Centre, Nebraska last year, have stimulated a great deal of interest in this breed. While many breeds make vague claims about carcass quality in their promotional literature, one look at a Texel suggests that, carcass wise, this is no ordinary sheep! Texels are reputed to have more lean meat and less fat than other breeds. With packers and consumers demanding leaner lamb, the Texel offers a promising alternative to slaughtering lambs at lighter weights.

The Texel is a white-faced breed native to the Netherlands. During the late 19th century, crossing with British longwool breeds took place. It has been developed over the last century from a local breed into a popular terminal sire breed. The Texel is now found in at least 14 European countries, as well as Argentina, New Zealand, the United States and Canada.

The Texel is mid-way in size between the Polled Dorset and the Suffolk; with mature ewe mating weights for the three breeds in Great Britain averaging 174, 163 and 183 lb., respectively. In a Danish report, Texel ewes averaged 27 in. in height at the withers and 31 in. in body length. Texel ewes produce approximately 9 lb. of wool, which is relatively free of black fibre.

A policy of breeding for improved type for carcass quality has not adversely affected prolificacy. In the Netherlands, the number of lambs born per ewe lambing averages 1.3 for yearling ewes and 1.8 for older ewes.

The Texel as a Terminal Sire

The merit of a terminal sire breed is determined by its effect on lambing ease, lamb survival, growth and carcass composition. Commercial producers should consider all of these factors when making breeding decisions.

Lambing Ease and Lamb Survival

There are few published reports comparing levels of dystocia (lambing difficulty) and lamb survival in Texels and their crosses with those of other terminal sire breeds. Information from Denmark in 1987 (1,413 lambs) and 1988 (8,046 lambs) indicates that while purebred Texels were intermediate among seven other breeds (Oxford Down, Shropshire, Leicester, German Whiteheaded Mutton, Dorset, Rygja and Swedish Fur Sheep) in stillbirths and total lamb mortality to 60 days; they did require more assistance at lambing (Table 1).

Table 1. *Lambing Difficulty and Lamb Survival in Purebred Texels and Seven Other Breeds of Sheep in Denmark. (% of Total)*

	Stillbirths		Producer Assisted Deliveries	Vet Assisted Deliveries		Mortality to 60 Days	
	1987	1988	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988
Texel	6.6	6.2	9.0	4.0	3.1	11.2	4.0
Highest of Seven Other Breeds	10.3	11.5	7.6	n/a	3.8	16.9	9.0
Lowest of Seven Other Breeds	2.7	4.1	2.1	0	0	6.2	2.5

The information in Table 1 refers to purebred Texels. For commercial producers considering the Texel as a terminal sire, it is the performance of the cross that is important. In Nebraska, half-Finn ewes bred to Texel or Suffolk rams produced 2.63 and 2.61 lambs/ewe, with average birth weights of 7.74 and

7.76 lb., respectively. At such high lambing rates, the birth weight or conformation of the lamb is less likely to be a problem than in flocks with a high proportion of single lambs. Although the incidence of dystocia was not reported, Texel cross lambs in this study showed a much higher rate of survival (86%) than did Suffolk cross lambs (77%); largely due to fewer Texel-sired lambs being found dead at birth.

Growth and Carcass Composition

Lambs which grow faster are more profitable for a number of reasons. A shorter feeding period means less labour, potentially lower feed costs and death losses, and increased flexibility in marketing options.

At any given weight, the market requirement is for maximum lean, minimum bone and optimum fat; with preference for a high ratio of subcutaneous to intermuscular fat, since the latter cannot be readily trimmed.

While there are reports of daily gains and carcass measurements for purebred and crossbred Texels from several European countries, only those from Great Britain and Ireland offer comparisons between half-Texel and half-Suffolk lambs. One analysis summarized results from three key investigations (Table 2), with estimates for Texel cross lambs being expressed as a percentage of that of Suffolk cross lambs. While results of the three studies are not in complete agreement, it can be seen that Suffolk crosses generally grow faster than Texel crosses, but have carcasses which are fatter. The data in Table 2 have been adjusted to reflect carcasses at approximately equal subcutaneous fat levels.

Table 2. *Comparison of Suffolk and Texel Crosses in Different Trials (Texel Crosses Expressed as % of Suffolk Crosses)*

Study	More-O'Ferrall and Timon, 1977	Wolf et al., 1980	Kempster et al., 1987	
			Early Lambing	Late Lambing
Daily Carcass Weight Gain [1]	93	92	98	99
Daily Lean Weight Gain	n/a	96	104	104
Carcass Conformation	n/a	105	104	101
Area of M. longissimus (eye) muscle	107	107	105 [2]	103 [2]
Lean in [3] Carcass	105 [4]	105	103	103

(from Kempster et al., 1987)

[1] combines average daily gain with dressing %
[2] muscle area calculated from muscle width X muscle depth
[3] carcass lean = total weight of lean meat in carcass/total carcass weight X 100%
[4] estimated from lean proportion of rib area

Texels used in the third study were of French origin, while those in the other two were Dutch Texels. Dutch Texels have been selected more for carcass conformation, and less for size and growth, than have Texels in France. The consistent superiority of the Texel crosses for carcass lean (average 104%) is associated with high lean:bone and subcutaneous:intermuscular fat ratios.

Results from Nebraska are similar to earlier studies. Suffolk cross lambs had similar weaning weights to Texel cross lambs, but grew 11% faster from nine to 27 weeks of age. When slaughtered at 24 weeks of age, Suffolk-sired lambs had 6.7 lb. more live weight, 4 lb. more carcass weight and 2.1 lb. more fat in the

carcass than Texel cross lambs. The sire breeds were similar for the amount of kidney and pelvic fat, fat depth at the last rib, and loin eye area. Carcasses of Texel-sired lambs had higher leg conformation scores, indicating greater thickness of muscle relative to bone length.

Carcass measurements in Table 3 have been adjusted to a carcass weight of 60 lb. for each breed. At this constant carcass weight, the Texel cross lambs had larger loin eye areas. In spite of their higher backfat measurements, they had an overall level of fat in the carcass similar to that of the half-Suffolks, reflecting a lower proportion of intermuscular fat.

Table 3. *Growth and Carcass Traits of Suffolk- or Texel-Sired Lambs in Nebraska*

Breed of Sire	Suffolk	Texel	Texel Crosses as % of Suffolk Crosses
Weight (lb.) - 9 weeks ns	38.6	38.8	100
- 15 weeks ns	68.7	65.7	96
- 21 weeks ns	95.5	89.9	94
- 27 weeks *	118.9	111.1	93
Carcass Measurements With Data Adjusted to a 60 lb. Carcass for Each Breed			
Slaughter Age (days) *	175	188	107
Kidney Pelvic Fat (lb.) ns	2.26	2.46	108
Fat Depth Last Rib (in.) **	.25	.29	111
Leg Conformation Score *	11.5	12.4	108
Loin Eye Area (sq. in.) **	2.36	2.57	107
Carcass Length (in.) ***	24.9	23.9	96
% Fat in Carcass ns	31.3	31.0	99
% Protein in Carcass (lean - water + protein) *	14.2	14.5	102

* ** *** ns probability of declaring the breed difference to be significant when it is actually due to chance: *: <5%, **: <1%, ns: >5% (not significant)

Texel crosses in this study did not perform as well, relative to Suffolk crosses, for either average daily gain or % lean as they did in the British and Irish studies. This discrepancy could be due to differences within the Suffolk and/or Texel breeds between Great Britain, Ireland and the United States; or to the fact that lambs in Nebraska were slaughtered at heavier weights (100+ lb. versus 75-90 lb.). At the heavier weights, the advantages of Texel crosses are somewhat diminished. Their slower rate of growth is more pronounced and their superiority for % lean is reduced. This may be an indication that the principal use of the Texel will be to improve the quality of carcasses at present slaughter weights, rather than allowing carcass weights to increase.

Distribution of Lean Among Retail Cuts

In addition to fast growth and maximum lean, a high proportion of the total carcass lean in the higher-priced cuts is also desired. Researchers have found little variation between a wide range of breed types grown in different production environments for this trait. In one study in Great Britain, the entire range between ten different sire breeds in this characteristic was only 15 g./kg. or 1.5%. Although the differences are small in absolute terms, the findings that Texels have a smaller proportion of their total lean in the loin, and more in the shoulder, are consistent. When 1985 British prices for retail cuts were applied to the results of this study, it was found that Texel cross carcasses would have a 1% lower retail value than Suffolk cross carcasses with the same amount of lean. However, this has to be set against the advantage in overall carcass lean proportion of 2-5% which the Texel cross carcasses contain.

What Price Texels?

It has been established by a number of studies that lambs sired by Texels are generally leaner, but slower-growing, than lambs sired by Suffolks. Substituting Texel for Suffolk sires may be desirable in certain production systems and markets, but it may not be economically viable unless a premium price is paid for the leaner carcass. The extent of the premium necessary to overcome the slower growth rate of the Texel cross lamb will be equal to the cost of production of a Texel-sired lamb relative to that of a Suffolk-sired lamb ($Texel/$Suffolk x 100%). This relative cost depends on the average daily gain and feed intake of the two crosses, as well as the relative proportions of three components of the total cost of production:

1. The first component is the cost of production up to weaning (or 40 lb., if lambs are marketed directly off the ewe). Since the two crosses in the Nebraska study had similar litter sizes, birth weights and preweaning daily gains (up to 40 lb.); it can be assumed that this component will be equal for the raising of half-Texel and half-Suffolk lambs.
2. The other two components of the total cost of production relate to the post-weaning stage, where the slower growth of Texel crosses will increase the cost of their production.
    a. The first of these is the feed consumed from weaning to slaughter. In the absence of information on the feed efficiencies of the two crossbred types, two estimates of the relative cost of production will be made: one in which it is assumed that the daily feed intake of Texel cross

lambs is the same as that of Suffolk cross lambs (ie. Texel crosses have lower feed efficiency), and one in which it is assumed that the **total** feed intake (from weaning to slaughter) of the two crosses is the same (ie. equal feed efficiencies).

b. The remaining costs during this period (labour, pen space, bedding, death losses, etc.) can be expressed on a per day basis; and thus will be more for Texel cross lambs than for Suffolk cross lambs, due to their slower growth rate.

Relative costs of production were calculated over a range of ratios of pre- to post-weaning costs (60:40 up to 95:5) and post-weaning feed costs to postweaning non-feed costs (70:30 to 95:5); with feed efficiency of Texel crosses either less than or equal to that of Suffolk crosses.

Equal Feed Efficiency. With equal feed efficiencies of the two crossbred types, and average daily gains of Texel crosses assumed to be 90 and 95% those of Suffolk crosses; the relative cost of raising half-Texels never exceeded 101%.

Unequal Feed Efficiency. When Texel crosses were assumed to have 90% of the average daily gain **and** feed efficiency of Suffolk crosses, the cost of using Texel rams relative to the cost of using Suffolk rams ranged from 100 to 104%, being highest when the ratio of preweaning:postweaning costs was low (eg. at higher slaughter weights or with a highly productive ewe flock). When the average daily gain and feed efficiency of Texel crosses was increased to 95% of

that of Suffolk crosses, the relative cost of production ranged from 100 to 102%.[1]

We have seen that Texel cross lambs possess an advantage in carcass lean of 2-5%. Even when this value is reduced by 1% to reflect their lower proportion of total lean in high priced cuts; it seems possible that if producers are compensated for the extra lean in half-Texel carcasses, no further premium will be required to offset the slower growth rate of these lambs. It is unlikely that this will occur when producers market live lambs. Even when carcasses are priced by the objective measurement of subcutaneous fat, Texel cross lambs may not command the price they deserve. Research has found that there is a tendency for them to have a lower level of overall fat, relative to their measured subcutaneous fat and visual carcass conformation score, than other breeds. There may be a case for promoting Texel crosses as a type of sheep with breed-specific characteristics. Producers of Texel crosses should be looking for premiums over and above those indicated by their external fat and conformation scores - not to compensate for slower growth rate, merely to insure that they are being paid for all the lean meat which these carcasses deliver.

It is important to note that the above estimates do not consider the effect of declining lamb prices during the period when Suffolk- and Texel- sired lambs will reach slaughter weight. The choice of slaughter breed will probably depend on the slaughter weight, the market and other management factors (including the disposition of the crossbred ewe lambs). Whether using Texel sires proves to be

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[1] Relative costs of production were calculated without considering the higher survival rate of the half-Texel lambs in the Nebraska study. If this advantage is verified, the half-Texel lambs would have a lower preweaning cost of production. This could cancel out the effect of their slower growth rate, making their overall cost of production equal to or less than that of Suffolk-sired lambs.

of immediate benefit to individual producers or not; in the long term, the production of leaner carcasses from Texel sires could vastly improve the image of Canadian lamb in the eyes of the consumer.

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CANADIAN CLASSIFIED LAMB = GUARANTEED LEAN CANADIAN LAMB

Commentary by Will Verboven
Manager ASWC

LAMB CLASSIFICATION AS A MARKETING TOOL

Meat Grading is a much discussed and much misunderstood topic in the livestock industry in Alberta. Your perspective on the topic depends on whether you are buying or selling. Whether grading will put an extra dollar in your pocket or lose you a dollar through penalties and discounts is also a consideration. At times it looks like a tug of war between producers, processors and wholesalers all of whom see grading from different angles.

Of the three meat groups only pork seems to have been able to firmly establish a grading mechanism that all parties understand from producers to retailers. That situation had a lot to do with direct consumer pressure more than anything else. That is because consumers tend to grade meat with their wallets. It used to be that they bought meat primarily on price and impulse. That has changed over time to buying or rather not buying because of FAT! Certainly pork had a fat perception problem that they have worked hard at resolving particularly in Canada.

Beef has also become leaner and meat grading was used as a mechanism. Although beef may have gone too far as increasing imports of fat marbled USA steaks appears to indicate. The reality is some fat is needed for flavour.

The situation with Lamb lags behind the other two meats. That has to do with the modest size of domestic lamb production and the very diverse lamb products in the marketplace across the country. Lamb however, is not exempt from consumer perceptions of fat. The issue becomes even more critical because our main competitor New Zealand, who controls our market, has and is taking steps to deal with the fat issue.

Seven years ago a number of progressive sheep producers, government extension personnel and others were able to instigate the necessary research into the creation of new National Lamb Grading Standards. These new regulations better described as lamb carcass classifications directly deal with fat levels, cutability, palatability and lean content of domestic lamb. The new grading/classification system objectively identifies LEAN CANADIAN LAMB. That positive identification alone provides a marketing opportunity for a superior Canadian product compared to the offshore imported product.

However, Producers may well ask: Will it put another dollar in my pocket?

The answer is both maybe yes and maybe no. Unfortunately the dynamics of the marketplace do not always provide the immediate answer and incentives. The market does however quickly identify the problem with accompanying penalties. This is where marketing becomes a key element in dealing with both market factors. Avoiding penalties, although prudent, may not provide any long term financial gain particularly if the marketplace players continue to invent new penalties in order to increase or maintain their profitability. Example: Heavy lamb carcasses get discounted no matter how perfectly lean they may be.

This is where Canadian Lamb Classification can be used as a marketing tool to create a whole new class of lamb which is over and above present lamb market standards with its inherent restrictions and penalties. It will also place Canadian lamb above comparison with offshore product, which in reality dictates present market standards.

Canadian Classified lamb would then become a premium brand because of its guaranteed quality. Non-classified lamb including imported lamb would have no such guarantee of quality or consistency.

The challenge is to create a demand for Canadian Classified lamb. This is were the FAT lamb issue can be used to some advantage. The point being that if retailers-consumers do not wish to purchase fat lamb then they should request and buy Canadian Classified Lamb. Such a situation would demand a premium price which should then be reflected all the way down the marketing chain back to the producer.

Yes it will put an extra dollar in the producers pocket but first a fundamental change has to be made in the marketing psychology of lamb, especially in the commercial retail market. Classified Lamb would also protect the producer dollar because instead of FAT lamb turning off and turning away consumers they will continue to buy lamb or to try it out. With our small share of meat consumption that it is a very critical reality not to be taken lightly.

Will Canadian Classified Lamb work as a marketing tool - It has to!

- We need it to deal with the fat issue.
- We need it to assure retailers and consumers of quality and consistency.
- We need it to pursue the production and marketing of lean, heavy carcasses.
- We need it to positively identify Canadian Classified Lean lamb as a guaranteed superior product over inferior imported lamb.
- We need it to become a credible and increasing alternative in meat purchasing by consumers.

CANADIAN CLASSIFIED LAMB - THINK ABOUT - DEMAND IT!

Olde Tyme Sheep Fair

Olds Agricultural Grounds
21 September 1991

- FASHION SHOW -

The fashion show, for the first time, welcomed talented Alberta designers who work with wool. Marilyn Leis, from Olds, works with mohair and natural coloured wool to make a fabric called boiled wool. She brought us two jackets and an elegant two piece suit. Marilyn designs under the label MARILYN'S MOHAIR MAGIC.

Celia Lehr, from Walsh, showed off a hand dyed, hand woven wool jacket and a beautifully designed Leichester wool lacy sweater.

The multi-talented Esther Lambert, from Winfield, supplied many natural coloured, bulky knit sweaters, hats and mittens created with wool from their own Romney flock. Esther's show piece for this year is a beautiful soft child's sweater done with Romney lambswool. Is that what is called virgin wool Esther?

Mary McFadden of Eagle Hill used wool duffle trimmed with fluffy white lambskin to make a child's coat and win the best of the bench show.

The LITTLE COUNTRY BOUTIQUE brought us Kara Malhler originals from natural coloured wools produced by the Malhler flock at Sherwood Park. This beautiful warm original designs are handknitted by the Malhler family.

The dedicated people at Custom Woolen Mills showed us their beautiful and warm sweaters available in kits from their designers and knitters.

Thanks so much to my talented and bubbly models, to Russel the well-mannered Pyreenes, and espically to Lana Cadsand and Linnette Krabben for their cool and calm help behind the scenes.

See you all next year!

Edith Williams

ALBERTA SHEEP INDUSTRY NEWS

.....AND VIEWS

NOVEMBER 1991 NEWSLETTER OF THE
ALBERTA SHEEP AND WOOL COMMISSION

By Will Verboven
Manager ASWC

LONG STANDING LEGAL CASE FINALLY SETTLED

On September 24th at the Court of Queens Bench in Lethbridge the long standing legal case between the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission (ASWC) and the Cardston Auction Mart/J.Crowe (CAM/JC) was finally settled. A judgement of $10,000 was made against the CAM/JC for legal and accounting costs incurred by the ASWC in recovering checkoffs collected by the CAM/JC in 1985. A counter suit against the ASWC by the CAM/JC for malicious prosecution was dismissed.

This judgement brought to an end a case which began originally in 1983 when the CAM/JC did not remit checkoffs collected from producers to the ASWC office. ASWC manager Will Verboven stated, " This judgement adds further strength to the original 1985 judgement in justifying the action we had to take to protect the producers money"

KATHY PLAYDON APPOINTED NEW ASWC CHAIRMAN

Gerry Pittman on October 15 submitted his resignation as Chairman of the ASWC siting time constraints. In an earlier decision he also resigned as Chairman of the Canadian Sheep Federation (CSF). He continues to serve as ASWC director for Zone # 2 and as the Alberta Director on the CSF.

Kathy Playdon director for Zone # 6 and Vice-Chairman of the ASWC will serve as interim Chairman until further notice. She also serves as Chairman of the ASWC promotion Committee.

In addition to her ASWC duties Kathy Playdon is a breeder of purebred Finnsheep in the Stony Plain area near Edmonton.

The ASWC Board Of Directors at their November meeting will be making any additional changes to committees if required.

" FRESH ALBERTA LAMB "

PROMOTIONS AT TRADE SHOWS IN CALGARY AND EDMONTON

Fresh Alberta Lamb was promoted at two large trade shows recently in Calgary and Edmonton. The events called the "Western Canadian Womans Show" feature products of interest to female consumers. In excess of 10,000 people attend the shows in each city. Promotion committee chairman Kathy Playdon states " Such large audiences in both cities provide a tremendous awareness opportunity for Fresh Alberta Lamb ". She added " At these shows we will also be handing out lists of where Fresh Alberta Lamb is actually available, since not all stores sell our product we should identify and support those stores that do ".

The Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission promotes Fresh Alberta lamb at least once a year at large trade shows in Calgary and Edmonton. The Commission also provides logistical and promotional material support to producers and their local groups for smaller more localized trade shows across the province.

For more information on trade show support contact the ASWC office.

CANADIAN SHEEP FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION RESULTS

The Canadian Sheep Federation(CSF) celebrated its first full year of existence, representing the interests of all ten sheep producer provincial organizations and associate members, namely the Canadian Sheep Breeders Association, the Lamb Feeders of Canada Association and the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited.

Elected to the Federation Board of Directors executive committee were Jim Wilkins (Ontario) as Chairman and Randy Eros (Manitoba) as Vice Chairman. Gerry Pittman (Alberta) and Brian Welling (New Brunswick) are executive directors on the committee. Each representative is also the Chairman of his respective provincial sheep organization.

According to Jim Wilkins who succeeds Gerry Pittman as Chairman, " the Federations efforts in dealing with todays many issues would be producer driven ", and that " the first order of business would be to address the price collapse on the lamb marketplace and in the wool trade ".

1990 WOOL STABILIZATION PAYMENT OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED

The Canadian Sheep Federation and Agriculture Canada have announced a $754,000.00 stabilization payment for 1990 wool. The payment will be 32 cents per pound. No formal applications are required to obtain the payment. Any invoice, bill of sale, delivery receipt or similar document can be submitted to the CSF office to obtain the stabilization payment

Producers who have exchanged their wool for shearing services will also be eligible for stabilization payments. Some sort of documentation will be required indicating the quantity of wool that changed hands. Producers are reminded that the stabilization payment is for wool marketed in 1990 ONLY.

The following is an example of an invoice that could be used to claim a stabilization payment when wool was exchanged for shearing services. You should be aware that all claims submitted may be subject to confirmation by shearer or wool buyer.

EXAMPLE ONLY

SHEARERS NAME
MAILING ADDRESS

Date: June 12, 1990

Wool producers name
mailing address
postal code

Shearing Services Performed

100 ewes x $2.00 per head	$200.00
10 rams x $5.00 per head	50.00

Wool exchanged for shearing costs = 1,250 LBS.

Total amount owing = NIL

SIGNATURE OF PRODUCER ----------

SOUTHERN ALBERTA SHEEP PRODUCERS FORM NEW ASSOCIATION

Oh No! Not another sheep organization you may wonder. Well not exactly as one local producer stated, " we are re-creating an Association that we thought we already had ". On October the 26th at a meeting in Lethbridge a number of producers passed a motion to formally create the Southern Alberta Sheep Breeders Association. Now many of you may wonder is that not the same legendary organization that we thought had existed in that part of the province since around 1900. Well, yes and no, you might say. Its something of a comedy of errors but it has been finally resolved, lets go back to the beginning.

From about 1890 till the middle 1920's there existed in Southern Alberta a number of sheep producer organizations many of them loosely organized, some more formalized. They went under such names as the Canadian Sheep Ranchers Association, the Alberta Wool Growers, and the Southern Alberta Sheep Breeders. In addition groups existed in Cardston, Pincher Creek and other places. Although they served a number of functions most were involved in wool collection and some even pooled wool for sale. The wool function they performed was not satisfactory and that resulted, in part, in the creation of the Canadian Cooperative Wool Growers in 1917-1918..

For a time the various groups sold or collected wool for the CCWG. However none of groups were in a position to own buildings or borrow money to finance purchases. In order to amalgamate and rationalize wool collecting and buying in Southern Alberta a public share holding limited company was created called the Southern Alberta Sheep Breeders Limited. In order to maintain this company as a wool source the CCWG eventually purchased 20% of the company. A similar company was created in Edmonton called the Alberta Provincial Sheep Breeders Cooperative Association Limited.

Both companies operated for many years as distinct operations. However, as financial transactions became more complicated, the CCWG took over most internal operations. Both companies operated as shell organizations. Basically they owned the facilities.

In the late 1970's a decision was made that the CCWG would formally take over the facilities and operations. However the actual company was not dissolved as it had a number of remaining assets namely cash and CCWG shares.
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Somehow, over time a general assumption evolved that the company was an Association and it merrily operated that way until this year. Earlier this year the new secretary-treasurer Pat DeBoer discovered the truth and stated that changes would have to be made to operate as a legal entity. Therefore in order to continue to carry out their activities in a legal manner, a meeting of shareholders was held on October the 26th to disperse the assets of the Limited Company to the new Association and to formally dissolve the Company. So comes to rest another chapter in Alberta Sheep history.

JACK MOILLIET TO BE HONOURED IN HISTORY BOOK

A new book entitled "Highlights of Sheep History in the Canadian West" will be dedicated to Jack Moilliet and his family of Vavenby B.C. Jack and his family operate Aveley Ranch located in the North Thompson area of central B.C.

This legendary sheep operation has been in continuous operation since 1913 in the high Alpine mountain ranges of B.C. For much of that time Jack was at the helm and he is one of the few remaining links to the glory days of the great B.C. range sheep ranches in the 30's and 40's.

The publisher of the History book states that the sheer tenacity and perseverance of Jack Moilliet and his family in making a living from their sheep ranch over those many years is worthy of this dedication.

The book is scheduled to be unveiled at the Alberta Sheep Symposium December 6 in Kananaskis. Copies will be available for purchase from the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission.

SHEEP SYMPOSIUM DIRECTORS FORUM EXPANDS

In an earlier newsletter it was announced that the ASWC directors would be holding an open forum at the Alberta Sheep Symposium. Now in addition to the ASWC directors, the new Chairman of the Canadian Sheep Federation Jim Wilkins will be in attendance at the Forum. In addition Andy Dagenais CSF manager will also be present. This open forum will provide producers in attendance the opportunity to discuss provincial, national, and international sheep industry issues directly with their elected representatives.

The forum is scheduled for December 5 in conjunction with the evening symposium reception.

The Classifieds

FOR SALE - SHEEP

1 - 15 month old purebred Romanov ram. With or without papers. 1 Suffolk/Romanov ram. 2 yrs old. Good breeder. Increase lamb production to 225%. 21 - 3/4 Romanov ewe lambs, 12 - 1/2 cross Romanov ewes - 1 & 2 yrs old. John, Eckville, 746-3675 (After 8 PM) (11)

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REGISTERED DORSET rams & ewes. Patric Lyster, Coyote Acres, Vilna, 636-2894 (11)

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2 PROVEN Suffolk rams. Excellent breeding. Will take first $100 each. Andrew, Lousana, 749-2191 (11)

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CAMPSIE COVE Mini Farm has purebred Finn ram & ewe lambs. $75 each. Robert, Barrhead, 674-2968 (11)

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10 REGISTERED Suffolk ewe lambs. Weighing up to 150 lbs. $90 each. Glen & Annette Kershaw, Didsbury, 335-4983 (11)

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50 PUREBRED Suffolk ewes. 1-6 yrs old. Price depends on ewe. 30 purebred ewe lambs - asking $75. 2 - 3 yr old Suffolk rams. Both quiet. $250 each. Caroline &/or Mark, Morinville, 973-6979 (11)

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REGISTERED HAMPSHIRE & Columbia rams & ewes. This year's lambs and 2 & 3 yr olds. Top quality stock - disease-free, guaranteed healthy. Herd dispersal, reasonable prices. Lynn Langlois, 359-2146 (11)

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REGISTERED DORSET & Suffolk rams. Small groups of bred ewes available. John or Edith Williams, Ponoka, 784-3511 (11)

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300 CROSSBRED ewes - Suffolk/Columbia & Suffolk/ Rambouillet cross. 1-5 yrs old. Gerry Pittman, Picture Butte, 757-2480 (11)

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30 SUFFOLK open ewes. Dewormed & vaccinated. 2-5 yrs old - $50 each. Also 30 Rambouillet open ewes. Dewormed & vaccinated. 2-5 yrs old - $50 each. Harry, Vegreville, 632-2411 (11)

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29 RAMBOUILLET commercial ewes - $1800. 3 purebred Polypay ram lambs - $100 each. Dalint Sheep Feedlot, Linden, 546-2618 (11)

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RETIREMENT IS getting closer so we've decided to reduce our flock of high percentage Romney ewes from 135 to 50. Some colored. Producers of award winning fleeces. 1-4 yr olds - $50 each. Ewe lambs, some are Romney/ Marino/Polworth - $75 each O.B.O. Also purebred Romney ram lambs. Henry & Esther Lambert, Hals 1/2 Aker, Winfield, 403-682-3742 (11)

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2 REGISTERED North Country Cheviot rams. 1 Romanov/ Suffolk cross ram. Lori, Stettler, 742-1854 (11)

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KATAHDIN HAIR sheep. 11 purebred ewes, 4 purebred rams, 4 3/4 Katahdin, 1/4 Columbia ewes, 4 1/2 Katahdin, 1/2 Columbia ewes. Debbie, Tangent, 359-2519 or Ft. McMurray, 743-3817 (11)

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3 YEARLING American registered Polypay rams. Can register Canadian - $150 each. Cathy, Okotoks, 938-4227 (11)

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40 EXCELLENT 2 yr old breeding ewes. Suffolk & Suffolk/Dorset cross. 20 ewes 3-6 yrs old. Will sell open or bred to Luxford ram. Clean, wormed, 8-way vaccinated. Priced at current market trend. Curtis Culp, Dunster, B.C., (604) 968-4309 (11)

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BRED SUFFOLK ewes. Complete dispersal of all Suffolks. Mountainview Ovine Enterprises Inc., Sundre, 638-2836 (11)

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ROMNEY YEARLING rams & ram lambs. From our select Romney flock. All Romneys have been tested brucellia ovis and medi visna free. Come out for a coffee & make your selection. All guaranteed sound & breeders. Contact Doreen, Arrowwood, 534-2144 (11)

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74 EWE flock, made up of 35 purebred Polypay 2 yr olds, 6 purebred Polypay yearlings, 8 Finn/Corriedale 4 yr olds, 20 Polypay cross 3 yr olds, 5 Polypay cross yearlings, 1 registered 3 yr old Polypay ram and 1 2 yr old Polypay ram. No culls. Ewes selected for milking ability and lambing ease. Polypays are noted for unassisted birth, strong maternal traits, feed efficiency and gain (Finn/Rambouillet/Dorset/Targhee cross). Consistent near 200% lamb crop, lambing records available. $4,500.00 takes all. Mary Anne Lehman, 584-3933 days, 584-2617 evenings. Delivery can be arranged. (11)

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DORSET/ROMANOV ram. 2 yrs old. Reasonable. Colleen, Alix, 747-2126 (11)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL. 70 head 2-4 yr old ewes, some Canadian Arcott cross and Suffolk cross. No culls. Sacrifice $45 each. 1 papered Canadian Arcott ram and 1 papered Suffolk ram. 1 Suffolk/Finn cross ram and 1 Suffolk/Arcott cross ram. Betty Turton, Vilna, 636-2458 (After 9 PM) (11)

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REGISTERED PUREBRED Katahdin sheep. A fine selection, all inquiries welcome. Dwayne Ruether, Bjorkdale, Saskatchewan, (306) 886-4416 or (306) 886-2213 (11)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL. 150 ewes Suffolk cross (1-5 yrs old). Also available ewe lambs and rams 2-5 yrs old. Darrel, Veteran, 575-2227 (After 7 PM) (11)

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9 ROMANOV ewes. Don, Eckville, 746-5515 (11)

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REGISTERED SUFFOLK ram. Margaret Howell, Bentley, 748-2959 (12)

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DORSET/ROMANOV ram lambs, born Mar-Apr '91. Linda, Wildwood, 325-2449 (12)

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12 PUREBRED Suffolk ewe lambs & young ewes. 1 purebred yearling Suffolk ram. Proven breeder. Ken Greenway, Okotoks, 938-7900 (12)

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1 REGISTERED Hampshire ram. Born Jan '89. Gord or Anne, Legal, 961-2370 (12)

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4 REGISTERED Polypay ram lambs. One is 10 months old - $200 and 3 are 7 months old - $100 each. Herman, Ardrossan, 922-5973 (12)

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17 REGISTERED Suffolk ewes, 1-3 yrs. 10 ewe lambs eligible for registration. $3000 for the 27. No culls. Excellent quality ram lambs, some registered stock - $130 each. Born Mar-Apr '91. ADG over 1 lb., records kept on all animals. Suzanne Wall, Hays, 725-2104 (12)

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1 FINN/SUFFOLK cross ram lamb - $80. Kiwi Acres, Bashaw, 372-3765 (After 6 PM) (12)

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TWIN ROMANOV/SUFFOLK ram. Born Mar '90. Triplet Romanov/North Country Cheviot ewe. Born Apr '90. Twin ewe lamb. Born Apr '91. Barb, Blackfalds, 885-4104 (Evenings Only) (12)

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30 YEARLING ewes due to lamb in January. All lambed last year. 30 Jan-Feb ewe lambs - still open. All purebred, but not registered. Phone for details. Gary Boyd, Leduc, 986-8797 (12)

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REGISTERED ROMNEY ram lambs. Apr '91 born. Dual purpose breed. Excellent for cross breeding. Susan, Beaverlodge, 354-2047 (12)

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FOR SALE - GOATS

5 NUBIAN cross Alpine does. From small healthy herd. 2-4 yr old pets. All shots. Must be sold by Oct 15. Doug, Ardrossan, 922-5528 (11)

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NUBIAN & Nubian cross billies. 9 months - 2 years. Priced from $70 up. Glen & Annette Kershaw, Didsbury, 335-4983 (11)

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THREE HEALTHY Saanen does, papered. 4 very tame Saanen does born this spring, not papered yet. Reasonable. Call Erika Vester, 556-2299, Olds (w) or 337-2496, Carstairs (h) (12)

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2 REGISTERED purebred *S LaMancha herd-sires. From top producing dairy bloodlines, they have sired meaty, fast-growing kids. $300 each. J. Benger, Drayton Valley, 727-2491 (12)

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1 BILLY goat - triplet. Nubian/Alpine cross. Born Mar 23/91. Elise, Lac La Biche, 623-2511 (12)

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2 CASTRATED goats - 1 pygmy & 1 pygmy crossed with Nigerian dwarf. Tan, 9 months old or chocolate brown, 7 months old. Dorothy, Craigmyle, 665-2455 (12)

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FOR SALE - DOGS

GUARD DOGS - puppies from working Great Pyreenes parents. 783-2480 or 783-6693 (evenings or weekends) (11)

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4 GREAT Pyreenes male puppies. $300 each. Willy, Alder Flats, 388-2371 (11)

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LIVESTOCK GUARDING dogs. Great Pyreenes puppies. Registered. Shots. Guaranteed. Excellent guardians for sheep or farm protection. Gentle with children. Ready now. Helen, Strathmore, 403-934-2778 (11)

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BORDER COLLIES. Top imported lines. Parents excellent working dogs. Both sheep & cattle. Every pup or started dog guaranteed to suit the purchaser. Ron Gale, Sundre, 638-2836 (11)

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LIVESTOCK GUARDIANS. CKC registered, Komondor puppies. From working parents. Sheep raised. Born July 24/91. Fred or Marlene, Lloydminster, (306) 825-2640 (12)

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14 MONTH old neutered male Great White Pyreenes predator dog. 5 registered Border Collie pups. 6 months old. Working parents. Present world champion bloodlines. Elaine, Westerose, 586-2768 (12)

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PUREBRED BORDER Collie puppies. 2 females, 1 male. Ready to go Nov 5. Out of Imperial Sweep and Lady II. Also 1 registered purebred male, 15 months old. Started dog. John, Eckville, 746-3675 (After 8 PM) (12)

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GREAT PYREENES pups - both purebred cross - 2 males - big & fat - excellent predator control - 4 months - $100.00. Great Pyreenes pups - ready end of November - excellent bird dogs - good disposition - mother registered - father purebred no papers - $235 each. Eileen or Wayne, Beaverlodge, 354-2622 (12)

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ANATOLIAN GUARD dogs - registered shots, guaranteed. Excellent for livestock & general farm guarding duties. Litter available for Xmas. Cariboo Sheep & Wool, 150 Mile House, B.C. (604) 296-4235 (12)

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FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS

ANTIQUE SHEARING machine with clutch, shaft & handpiece - could be put into working condition - $50. Cee-Der Sheep Products, Box 2404, Canmore, 678-2220 (11)

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CUSTOM MADE movable sheds - 3 sizes - 8 x 16, 12 x 24, 16 x 32. All with built in creep feeders, hay feeders & sealed windows. Also lambing crate hay feeders & lamb creep feeders. Can deliver. Neil VanWaas, Rocky Mtn House, 729-3827 (11)

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A.J. EWE Handle-her Equipment. Round bale feeders, work excellent. Corral systems. Scales and other equipment designed for sheep. John Howard, Didsbury, 335-9155 (11)

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SHEEP WEIGH scale. Very good condition. Pat, Calmar, 985-3272 (11)

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1 SHEEP scale, 1 sheep creep feeder - 250 bushel, 2 sheep hay feeders - 16' on skids, John Dodds, Ponoka, 783-6816 (11)

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IN ECKVILLE area, west of Red Deer, 1/4 section, all pasture, set up for cattle & sheep. Good corrals, cattle shed & sheep sheds, grain bins, new fences. 1800 square foot house, 2 levels. Main floor, 2 bedrooms & 1 1/2 bathrooms. Suitable for game farm. John, Eckville, 746-3675 (After 8 PM) (12)

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COMBINATION HAY & grain feeder for square bales. Minimizes waste. Economically priced. Gewn, 347-0668 or Dave, 747-2293, Alix, Evenings (12)

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OSTER SHEARS - $250. Allflex ear tag applicator - $20. Elastrator - $35. Evelyn, Breton, 696-3812 (After 5 PM) (12)

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LAMB HIDES - If anyone has a use for a regular weekly supply contact Doug Korbie, Gibmar Meats, Ardrossan, 922-2170. He can work a deal! (12)

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FOR SALE OR TRADE

COLUMBIAN/ROMNEY cross yearling ram **FOR SALE OR TRADE.** Larry or Therese Driver, High River, 652-4201 (11)

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REGISTERED ALPINE bucks born March '91. Registered Saanen buck born February '91. Both are from excellent milking stock. **FOR SALE OR TRADE** for buck of same quality. Joan, Tomahawk, 339-2118 (11)

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OUR ENTIRE Romanov crossbred ewe flock. We now have 250 purebred Romanov ewes & have no more room for the crosses. Most are 2-3 yr olds & have averaged 230%+ lamb crop. No health problems. **TO SELL OR TRADE** grain, hay, machinery or ?. Hi Lo Hills Romanov 'The Ewe Makers', Tom or Nelda, Musidora, 657-2004 (11)

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FOR SALE OR TRADE guard llama for sheep. 1 1/2 yr old, male, chocolate brown, halter broke. $500. Mary, Sundre, 556-2884 (11)

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FOR SALE OR TRADE registered Angora goats - 2 does & 1 buck for pygmy goats of equal value. Vivian, Bruderheim, 796-3556 (12)

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WANTED - SHEEP

ORPHANED LAMBS - any breed and as many as you have that you don't want to bother with. In the area surrounding Stony Plain, Calmar, Thorsby, Warburg, Winfield, Breton and Drayton Valley. Joan, Warburg, 848-7674 before 10 AM or after 5 PM (11)

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ORPHAN LAMBS. Lambs you don't want to bother with & are in your way. Lac La Biche area. Elise, 623-2511 (12)

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WANTED - GOATS

GOOD MILKING does. Jim, Bluffton, 843-3774 (11)

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FEEDER & slaughter goats. Jerry, Nanton area, 395-2123. Please leave message. (12)

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WANTED - DOGS

ONE PASSIONATE fun-loving Great Pyreenes male, must have family intentions in mind. Will have the opportunity to romp & play & go out all night with a most desirable, well proportioned, intelligent, coyote chasing female Pyreenes. Must be hard working and a strong desire to succeed in coyote chasing and family matters. Does not necessary have to have his immigration papers but must be of pure bloodlines, no triflers please! Garry, Arrowwood, 534-2144 (12)

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WANTED - MISCELLANEOUS

SHEEP SCALE. Barb, Edson, 723-2671 (11)

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

ANYONE INTERESTED in purchasing embryos? We are now in the process of implanting Hampshire & Romney embryos from one of the top world renown New Zealand studs. For more information please phone or fax 403-534-2144. Ask for Garry or write Box 239, Arrowwood, TOL OBO (11)

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BRED EWES to put out on lamb share basis 91-92 season. We look after summer pasture of ewes. Mountainview Ovine Enterprises Inc., Sundre, 638-2836 (11)

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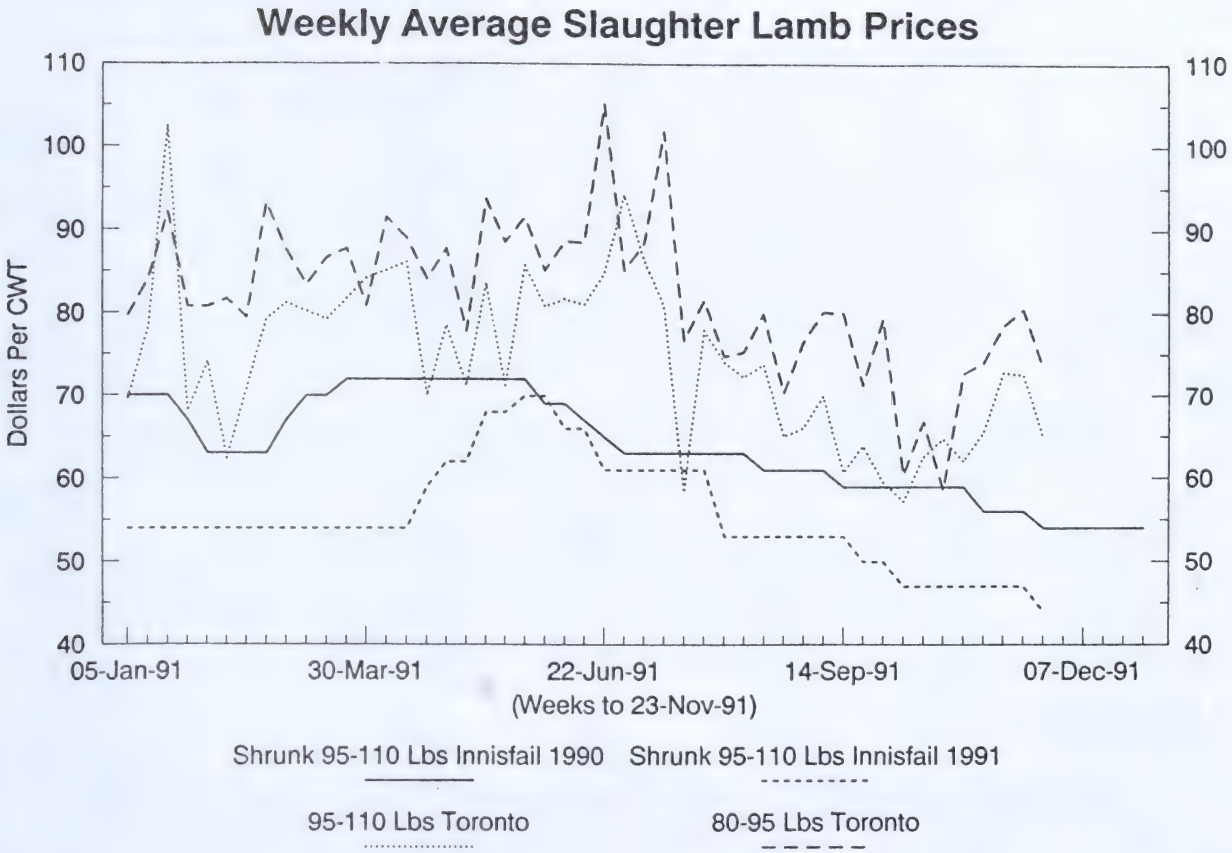

Lamb markets in Alberta, continue to be depressed, with rising seasonal volumes and lack of real recovery in United States markets. At Canada West Foods, in Innisfail, bids for slaughter lambs dropped from $47 to $44 per cwt during November, while railgrade bids declined from 1.10 to 1.04 per cwt.

At the Edmonton Stockyards, slaughter lamb prices ranged from $32 to $40 per cwt with feeder lambs bringing $32 to $44 per cwt. At Fort Macleod, about 750 lambs weighing 117 to 119 pounds slaughter lambs destined to the U.S., brought $50 per cwt mid-November.

San Angelo average slaughter lamb prices for November are about US$51.75 per cwt or $58.40 per cwt in Canadian equivalent dollars. This indicates a widening spread between Alberta and San Angelo prices to about $11 per cwt. Relating lower U.S. January 1st, 1991 sheep and lamb inventory figures to expanded slaughter volumes throughout this year, re-enforces expectations that end of the year U.S. inventories are likely to be much lower. Proportionately larger slaughter volumes of mature sheep indicates that the size of the U.S. flock will continue to contract.

If you can get delivery bookings at Canada West Foods, consider the option of selling on a railgrade basis. Assuming a 50 per cent dressing percentage for the average slaughter lamb, you could be leaving as much as $8 per cwt live on the table, if you are delivering top quality lambs that aren't overweight.

PRICE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT C.W.F.C.

	WEEK 1	WEEK2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON						
OCT 1991	47.00	47.00	47.00	47.00		47.00
LAST MON						
SEP 1991	53.00	53.00	53.00	50.00	50.00	51.80
YR AGO MON						
OCT 1990	56.00-59.00	56.00-59.00	56.00-59.00	56.00-59.00		56.00-59.00
VOLUMES						
OCT 1991	1,715	1,583	1,177	1,799		6,274
OCT 1990	1,740	1,244	1,230	1,732		5,946

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	52.00-79.00	52.00-71.00	60.00-71.00	51.00-70.00		
OCT 1991	(57.25)	(62.55)	(64.75)	(62.07)		62.48
LAST MON	62.00-69.00	64.00-82.00	54.00-74.00	61.00-70.00	49.00-66.00	
SEP 1991	(66.04)	(69.90)	(60.72)	(65.07)	(59.57)	70.69
YR AGO MON	52.00-72.00	63.00-75.00	63.00-80.00	58.00-70.00		
OCT 1990	(59.90)	(65.75)	(74.77)	(65.51)		65.07
OCT/91 VOLUME	166	118	112	105		672
AVG WEIGHT	102.4	99.2	99.5	98.6		

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 80-95 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	50.00-91.00	55.00-90.00	51.00-70.00	62.00-87.00		
OCT 1991	(60.40)	(66.85)	(58.60)	(72.67)		73.19
LAST MON	70.00-82.00	70.00-85.00	70.00-89.00	70.00-100.00	65.00-98.00	
SEP 1991	(76.47)	(80.15)	(80.08)	(80.84)	(79.42)	79.31
YR AGO MON	69.00-95.00	60.00-94.00	73.00-100.00	70.00-88.00		
OCT 1990	(69.45)	(80.31)	(86.68)	(78.34)		76.56
OCT/91 VOLUME	473	378	269	234		1133
AVG WEIGHT	87.5	87.2	88.5	86.4		

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N.E.P. - No established price

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PRICE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT C.W.F.C.

	WEEK 1	WEEK2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON						
NOV 1991	47.00	47.00	47.00	44.00		46.25
LAST MON						
OCT 1991	47.00	47.00	47.00	47.00		47.00
YR AGO MON						
NOV 1990	53.00-56.00	53.00-56.00	53.00-56.00	51.00-54.00		52.50-55.50
VOLUMES						
NOV 1991	1,972	1,463	1,470	1,789		6,694
NOV 1990	1,571	1,457	1,179	1,483		5,690

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	60.00-72.00	63.00-79.00	61.00-80.00	54.00-70.00		
NOV 1991	(65.50)	(72.79)	(72.49)	(64.84)		67.61
LAST MON	52.00-79.00	52.00-71.00	60.00-71.00	51.00-70.00		
OCT 1991	(57.25)	(62.55)	(64.75)	(62.07)		62.48
YR AGO MON	55.00-67.00	N.E.P.	70.00-80.00	60.00-80.00		
NOV 1990	(63.44)		(72.22)	(69.17)		65.90
NOV/91 VOLUME	39	46	92	218		395
AVG WEIGHT	105.0	99.7	100.2	102.9		

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 80-95 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	59.00-85.00	65.00-89.00	66.00-98.00	60.00-95.00		
NOV 1991	(74.02)	(78.50)	(80.45)	(73.26)		76.07
LAST MON	50.00-91.00	55.00-90.00	51.00-70.00	62.00-87.00		
OCT 1991	(60.40)	(66.85)	(58.60)	(72.67)		73.19
YR AGO MON	65.00-78.00	60.00-80.00	70.00-95.00	70.00-95.00		
NOV 1990	(70.30)	(73.61)	(81.34)	(81.66)		77.28
NOV/91 VOLUME	110	148	152	284		694
AVG WEIGHT	88.5	84.9	85.5	87.0		

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REPRESENTATIVE LIVE SALES

AS OF NOVEMBER 15, 199

AREA	TYPE OF SHEEP	TYPE OF SALE	HEAD	LBS.	WEIGHING CONDITIONS	PRICE ($/CWT.)
WEST COAST						
California	St. Ewes	Direct	2100		Running age, Mstly 4-5 year old bred WF (per head)	60.00-65.00
MOUNTAIN						
Utah	Sl. Lambs	Direct	1350	106-120	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled, FOB 4% shrink	50.00
Wyoming	Sl. Lambs	Direct	3575	125-130	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled, FOB 4% (early)	52.00-53.00
N. Mexico	Sl. Lambs	Direct	3200	100-120	Choice, Few Prime, No 1-2 pelts, FOB 4% shrink	52.00-54.00
Montana	Sl. Lambs	Auction	1060	100-110	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled	45.00-46.00
N. Mexico	Feeders	Direct	2000	80-90	Choice & Fancy, Wooled, FOB overnight stand or 3%	48.00-50.00
Colorado	Feeders	Auction	500	55-108	Choice & Fancy, Wooled	43.00-47.25
Montana	Feeders	Auction	3180	60-100	Choice & Fancy, Wooled	45.50-48.00
Utah	Feeders	Direct	475	100	Choice & Fancy, Wooled, FOB 3% shrink	47.00
Montana	Feeders	Direct	3350	90-96	Ch. & Fancy, Wooled, .20-.25 dis. over 90-95, Eq. 3%	46.00-49.0
Wyoming	Feeders	Direct	556	83	Choice & Fancy, Wooled, Delivered	46.75
N. Mexico	Sl. Ewes	Direct	2000		Utility & Good, No 1 & Fall shorn pelts, Del. border	26.00
Montana	Sl. Ewes	Auction	1060		Cull to Good, Wooled	10.00-20.00
Colorado	St. Ewes	Auction	100		Yearling ewes, Wooled (per head)	39.00-45.00
SOUTHCENTRAL						
Texas	Sl. Lambs	Direct	10,500	100-130	Choice, Few Prime, No 1-2 pelts guaranteed 51%	48.50-51.00
Texas	Sl. Lambs	Auction	450	100-135	Choice, Few Prime, No 1-2 pelts	50.00-56.00
Texas	Feeders	Direct	7000	70-90	Choice & Fancy, Wooled, Eq. 3%	50.00-51.00
Texas	Feeders	Auction	1500	50-60	Choice & Fancy, Wooled, San Angelo	51.00-57.00
Texas	Feeders	Auction	3000	60-100	Choice & Fancy, Wooled, San Angelo	50.00-56.00
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auction	1440		Good, No 1-2 pelts	30.00-35.00
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auction	1500		Utility, No 1-2 pelts	24.00-33.50
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auction	660		Cull, No 1-2 pelts	15.00-24.00
NORTHCENTRAL						
Illinois	Sl. Lambs	Auction	165	95-135	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled/shorn	36.00-49.50
Midwest	Sl. Lambs	Computer	630	114-119	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled/shorn	44.25-48.00
S. Dakota	Sl. Lambs	Auction	3060	98-154	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled/shorn	45.00-53.50
Minnesota	Sl. Lambs	Auction	795	95-135	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled/shorn	44.00-50.00
Ia-S. Minn	Sl. Lamb	Direct	3225	100-135	Choice, Pr. FS to 2's, Equivalent 3-4% shrink	48.00-52.00
Ia-S. Minn	Sl. Lamb	Direct	2575	100-136	Choice, Pr. Wooled, Equivalent 3-4% shrink	44.00-50.00
Iowa	Sl. Lamb	Auctions	845	103-160	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled/shorn	43.00-52.75
Nebraska	Sl. Lamb	Auction	200	115-130	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled/shorn	47.50-52.00
Iowa	Feeders	Auction	290	40-90	Choice & Fancy, Wooled	39.00-49.00
Missouri	Feeders	Auctions	1336	50-110	Choice & Fancy, Wooled	40.25-51.50
S. Dakota	Feeders	Auctions	2107	60-90	Choice & Fancy, Wooled	45.00-51.00
Minnesota	Feeders	Auction	1155	60-90	Choice & Fancy, Wooled	40.00-45.00
Minnesota	Sl. Ewes	Auction	250		Cull to Good, Wooled	12.00-18.00
Iowa	Sl. Ewes	Auction	600		Utility & Good, Wooled	20.00-26.75
Missouri	Sl. Ewes	Auction	375		Cull to Good, Wooled	10.00-17.00
S. Dakota	Sl. Ewes	Auctions	692		Cull to Good, Wooled/shorn	10.00-25.25
S. Dakota	Ewe Lambs	Auction	183	83	Choice & Fancy, Whiteface, Wooled	48.25
S. Dakota	St. Ewes	Auction	588		Yearling to 6 yr. old, WF ewes (per head)	31.00-56.00
EASTERN						
Kentucky	Sl. Lambs	Auction	750	100-135	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled/shorn	47.00-50.00
Michigan	Sl. Lambs	Pool	437	100-130	Choice, Few Pr., Wooled/shorn, .20 dis over 130 lbs.	45.00-49.00
Michigan	Sl. Lambs	Auction	700	100-130	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled/shorn	42.00-48.00
Indiana	Sl. Lambs	Pool	500	100-130	Choice, Few Pr., Wooled/shorn, .20 dis over 130 lbs.	44.50-48.50
Virginia	Sl. Lambs	Auctions	914	95-125	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled/shorn	39.00-46.00
Penn.	Sl. Lambs	Auction	1000	80-110	Choice, few Prime, Wooled	50.00-58.00
Ohio	Sl. Lambs	Auction	600	95-135	Choice, Few Prime, Wooled/shorn	41.00-49.50
Michigan	Feeders	Auction	600	60-90	Choice & Fancy, Wooled	42.00-48.00
Virginia	Feeders	Auction	233	60-85	Choice & Fancy, Wooled	41.00-48.65
Ohio	Feeders	Auction	200	65-95	Choice & Fancy, Wooled	43.00-47.00
Penn.	Sl. Ewes	Auction	1000		Utility & Good, Wooled	18.00-30.00
Michigan	Sl. Ewes	Auction	550		Utility & Good, Wooled	17.00-22.00

Carcasses ***Certified*** by USDA week ending 11-08-91: 14,870, 13.4 percent of estimated slaughter.

Certified American Lamb premiums: quoted prices over standard cuts

Carcass on Rail	+ $ .05-.10	Trimmed Shoulders	+ $ .09-.15
Carcass 3-Way	+ $ .10-.15	Trimmed Loins	+ $ .08-.22
Trimmed Legs	+ $ .11-.15	Hotel Racks	+ $ .10-.15

Some discounts noted on larger orders of ***Certified*** American Lamb.

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FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER (Head)

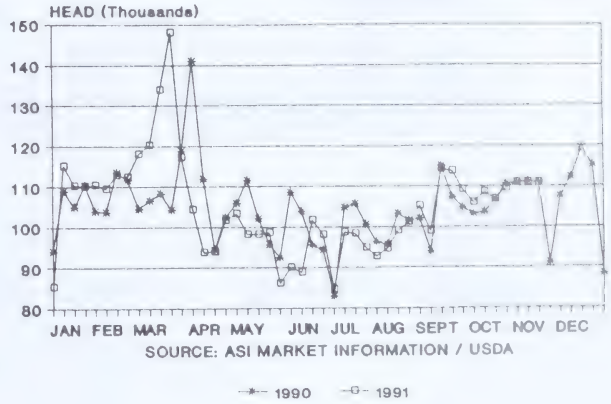
	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 10/26/91 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1991 vs 1990 TOTAL
SHEEP	111,000	-0.9	+0.2	109,440	5,037,000	0.0
CATTLE	608,000	-1.1	-0.3	621,406	29,522,000	-2.1
CALF	25,000	-7.4	-25.7	27,441	1,256,000	-21.8
HOGS	1,864,000	-3.8	+5.4	1,840,519	76,100,000	+2.7

RED MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 10/19/91 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1991 vs 1990 TOTAL
LAMB	6.8	+0.9	-2.9	6.6	303.9	-1.3
BEEF	440.8	-1.2	+5.9	460.1	19,905.9	+1.1
VEAL	5.3	-5.5	-13.1	5.9	248.8	-5.9
PORK	336.7	-3.3	+3.7	333.0	13,501.2	+3.4
TOTAL	789.7	-2.1	+4.7	805.6	33,959.8	+1.9

	DRESSED WEIGHT		PERCENT LAMB SLAUGHTER
THIS WEEK (EST.)	62	10/26/91	93.1
10/19/91 (ACT.)	62	10/27/90	94.6

AVERAGE WEEKLY F.I. SLAUGHTER



WHOLESALE LAMB MARKET

	55 lbs-down	55-65 lbs	65-75 lbs
NORTHEAST	$1.10-1.13	$1.10	$1.10
FOB RIVER	$1.05	$1.05	$1.05

LESS THAN CARLOT

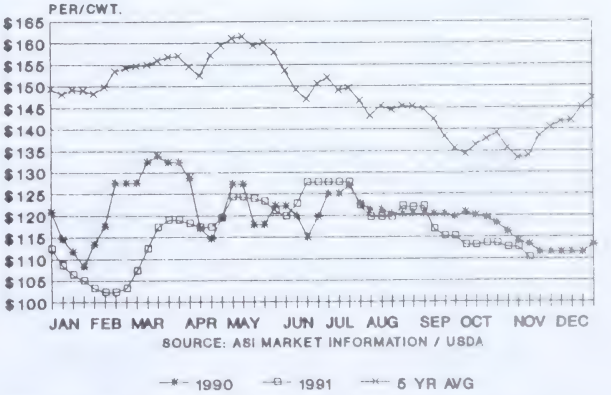
LOS ANGELES	$1.10*	$1.08-1.10**	$1.08
BAY AREA	$1.20*	$1.18**	$1.15
NORTHWEST	$1.20*	$1.18**	$1.15

* 60 lbs. & down ** 60-65 lbs.

In the Northeast, carcass lamb sold mostly $3.00 lower, except 55/DN carcasses which traded steady to $3.00 lower. A few loads of 55/DN carcasses traded at steady money. In the Midwest, prices were also mostly $3.00 lower, with a few loads of 55/DN carcasses steady. In the Northeast, 75-85 lb. carcasses were $3.00 lower at $1.10, $1.05 FOB River basis. In Los Angeles, Calif., 60/DN and 65-75 lb. carcasses were steady. In the Bay Area and Northwest, carcass lamb steady.

EAST COAST WHOLESALE PRICES

WEIGHTED AVERAGE ALL WEIGHTS



DISTRIBUTIVE CUT MARKET & RETAIL FEATURE ACTIVITY

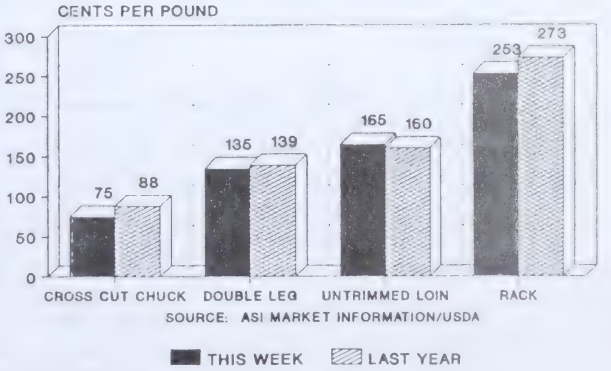
ITEM	NORTH-EAST	BAY AREA	LOS ANGELES	NORTH WEST
CHUCK CROSS CUT	$ .60-.90	No Quote	No Quote	No Quote
CHUCK SQUARE CUT	No Quote	$1.05-1.15*	$ .95-1.10*	$1.05-1.10*
SINGLE LEG	No Quote	$1.75-1.89*	$1.75-1.85*	$1.85-1.95*
DOUBLE LEG	$1.25-1.45	$1.55-1.59	$1.60	$1.65
LOIN	$1.40-1.90	$2.90-3.10*	$2.50-2.95*	$3.29-3.39*
RACK 7 UP	$2.30-2.75	$2.50-2.75*	$2.80*	$2.79*
FORE SADDLE	No Quote	$1.25	$1.25-1.35	$1.45
HIND SADDLE	$1.30-1.55	$1.35-1.55	$1.65-1.70	$1.55

* Trimmed and/or vacuumed packed

Trade in the wholesale distributive cut market was steady to firm in the Northeast, but demand was very light. Legs, loins, and racks showed steady to higher prices, with chuck and breasts lower. Hotel racks were steady to 10 cents higher; loins uneven, 15 cents higher to 5 cents lower; double legs 5 cents higher; hindsaddles were about steady and cross cut chucks steady to 15 cents lower. The 55/DN carcasses in the distributive trade were steady at $1.20-$1.30. In the Northwest and the Bay Area, most cuts were steady, except chucks, which ranged steady 10-15 cents lower.

EAST COAST CUT PRICES

AVERAGE



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December 12 — ***NORTH-CENTRAL SHEEP SALES.*** *Fat and Feeder lambs. (Special Goat Sale) Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. All sales being at 1 P.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), R R #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*

December 28 — ***MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE*** *at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*

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January 6 — ***MOUNTAINVIEW SHEEP PRODUCERS*** *- Monthly meetings. 7:30 P.M. Classroom above Riding Arena - Olds College. For more information call Gerry, 556-2802 or Mike at 224-3743.*

January 8 — ***ATTENTION - THORHILD, SMOKY LAKE AND RED WATER SHEEP PRODUCERS!*** *A meeting of the tri-county sheep production club will take place at 7:30 P.M. at the Thorhild Community Centre. Lambing will be here soon. Tonights meeting will cover points you need to help prepare for this years lamb crop. For further information contact Mike at 398-3993 or Pat at 398-2305.*

January 9 — ***NORTH-CENTRAL SHEEP SALES.*** *Fat and Feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. All sales being at 1 P.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), R R #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*

January 14 — ***ROCKY VIEW SHEEP PRODUCERS MEETING.*** *Airdrie Agriculture Building, Airdrie. 7:30 P.M. All persons interested in any part of the sheep industry are encouraged to attend. For further information call Joe at 948-3138 or Bill at 948-5773.*

January 18	***LAMBING SEMINAR.*** *Lakeland College, Vermilion. Topics to be covered include lambing supplies, ewe & lamb nutrition & facilities. The seminar will include hands-on experience in the lambing barn. For further information, contact Barb Dixon at 853-8515.*
January 23	***NORTH-CENTRAL SHEEP SALES.*** *Fat and Feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. All sales being at 1 P.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), R R #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*
January 25	***MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE*** *at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
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February 11	***ROCKY VIEW SHEEP PRODUCERS MEETING.*** *Airdrie Agriculture Building, Airdrie. 7:30 P.M. All persons interested in any part of the sheep industry are encouraged to attend. For further information call Joe at 948-3138 or Bill at 948-5773.*
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February 29	***MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE*** *at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*

March 2	***MOUNTAINVIEW SHEEP PRODUCERS*** *- Monthly meetings. 7:30 P.M. Classroom above Riding Arena - Olds College. For more information call Gerry, 556-2802 or Mike at 224-3743.*
March 4	***ATTENTION - THORHILD, SMOKY LAKE AND RED WATER SHEEP PRODUCERS!*** *A meeting of the tri-county sheep production club will take place at 7:30 P.M. at the Thorhild Community Centre. How do you plan to sell your lambs this year? Will you sell them as feeders or as market lambs? Tonights talk will deal with marketing your lamb crop. For further information contact Mike at 398-3993 or Pat at 398-2305.*
March 10	***ROCKY VIEW SHEEP PRODUCERS MEETING.*** *Airdrie Agriculture Building, Airdrie. 7:30 P.M. All persons interested in any part of the sheep industry are encouraged to attend. For further information call Joe at 948-3138 or Bill at 948-5773.*
March 12	***NORTH-CENTRAL SHEEP SALES.*** *Fat and Feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. All sales being at 1 P.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), R R #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*
March 28	***MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE*** *at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*

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*** * CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTICE * ***

KIM STANFORD, your Southern Alberta Sheep Specialist, can now be reached at 382-4187, mailing address: c/o Land Reclamation Branch, Regional Agriculture Centre, Lethbridge, T1J 4C7.

Kim will be working out of Lethbridge for those months that she is not heavily involved with the ROP Ram Test Station.

For the months of April through July, Kim will be working out of the Airdrie office, phone 948-8549, mailing address: Bag Service #1, Agriculture Regional Centre, Airdrie, T4B 2C1.

Feel free to contact Kim using the phone number or address of your choice. She would be happy to hear from you.

THE GREAT ROMANOV CONTROVERSY

By Dr. L. Anne McClelland
Sheep Production Scientist
Lethbridge Research Station

The developments in the great Romanov controversy have provided some interesting reading. Before this situation threatens to discredit the breed we should compare highly productive sheep (over 3 lambs) with sheep of lower productivity (1-1.5 lambs). The final decision in any evaluation of breeds, crossbreeds or individual animals must be made on the basis of productivity, not appearance, pedigree or prejudice.

We have a great deal of experience with Romanov sheep at our station and have studied both purebreds and crossbreds for reproduction, growth, carcass and wool quality. The Romanov breed has also been tested at Lennoxville Research Station. The original Romanov dispersion sale was made out of Quebec in the mid 1980's and Romanovs are now the third most popular registered breed in Canada.

Feed consumption of highly productive sheep is NOT "greatly increased over the conventional ewe". The largest single contributor to the cost of feeding any ewe is maintenance. This is the amount of feed required to maintain body weight. The maintenance cost increases as ewe size increases. A 100 kg dry ewe requires 72% more feed than a 50 kg dry ewe, but, it takes 94% more energy to produce milk for 3 lambs than 1 lamb.

Let's consider some hypothetical ewes. Ewe A weighs 95 kg and raises a 100% lamb crop. Ewe B weighs 95 kg and raises a 300% lamb crop. Ewe C weighs 55 kg and raises a 300% lamb crop. The maintenance energy requirement of ewe A will be called 100. The relative energy requirements of these 3 ewes is shown in Table 1.

A large ewe producing a single lamb requires only 3% more energy annually than a similar dry ewe. A large ewe producing 3 lambs requires 25% more energy annually than a large dry ewe.

The smaller ewe producing 3 lambs requires 8% less energy than a large dry ewe, but 30% more energy than a smaller dry ewe. Clearly, smaller sheep which are productive are not going to be a feed burden.

If the weight of lamb weaned is expressed relative to the energy required to produce the lambs, ewes B and C rank equally and ewe A is approximately half as efficient.

Table 1. Relative daily energy requirements of ewes varying in body weight and production (Base 100 is ewe A at maintenance plus 5% annual weight gain.)

	Ewe A 95 kg 1 lamb	Ewe B 95 kg 3 lambs	Ewe C 55 kg 3 lambs
Maintenance (+ 5%)	100	100	70
Pregnancy			
(0-110 d)	100	102	73
(110 d +)	111	126	97
Lactation	128	248	190
Annual	103	125	92

So, what is the bottom line here? Productive ewes (3 lambs) regardless of size are equally efficient although absolute feed requirements are less with smaller ewes.

This confirms the notion that the total weight of lambs weaned/marketed per ewe is a useful indicator of success. The exception is in circumstances where producers cannot supply the energy loads at critical times ... ie. extra feed for lactation. In purely range raised sheep it may not be possible to support the energy requirements of higher levels of production.

It has been said that (Romanov) sheep "require a high level of labour input". Well, that is true of any productive ewe at lambing time. Ewes and litters take some time to monitor at lambing, but nothing is free in this or the sheep world.

Time spent pulling large single lambs is replaced by time pulling smaller extra lambs. Time spent reviving slow lambs is replaced by extra tagging, docking etc. There is no denying that a 300% lamb crop is extra work, but glance again at the figures in Table 1 to remind you the work is worth it.

Most of our Romanov ewes are able to raise three lambs, although some (especially yearling ewes) can only handle twins. In part, this is related to the condition of the ewes at lambing time. Our Romanov ewes are mixed in with the general flock (400 ewes) so they receive very little special treatment except separate feeding from shearing through the 4-6 weeks until lambing.

After lambing, the Romanovs are group housed with other ewes according to lambing date. This year we raised fewer lambs on milk replacer after taking the time to graft extra lambs onto other ewes. Even milk replacer costs can be reduced through good management.

Lambing percentages in purebred Romanov sheep flocks vary from 250% to 350% depending on the number of lambings per year, the age of the ewes, and the amount of selection for prolificacy. Individuals will vary quite far from the average, with some ewes having extremely high production and some failing to lamb at all.

One of our ewes had 3 lambs at 13 months of age, 5 lambs at 24 months of age and 7 lambs at 36 months. Clearly, 12/15 lambs weaned in 3 years is outstanding, but this is not an average Romanov ewe.

In 1991 lambing (we lamb every year in March) the lambing percentages in yearlings, 2 year old ewes and 3+ year old ewes were 315%, 385% and 435%. I select heavily on prolificacy, fertility and milk production. Our average losses to weaning are 8-12% in the Romanov flock, which is about equal with other breeds here on station. Our (limited) experience lambing halfblood ewes indicates lambing percentages between 240-320% depending on the particular cross.

Romanov sheep require no special housing because of open legs and faces. All of our ewes are outside in open pens during the winter feeding period, and we do not have ewe losses as long as ewes are bedded and fed. Wool sales from sheep of any breed do not earn enough money above shearing costs to be significant in the big picture.

Romanov lambs (purebred) gain between 230 g/d and 340 g/d on average. In three years of feedlot work with these lambs they are not significantly slower than other lambs, especially if comparing triplets to other triplets. Some rams have gained over 500 g/d.

Romanov (purebred) lambs DO NOT "finish at 40 kg". We have found it almost impossible to make them over-fat even when we took them to 55 kg. In fact, purebred Romanov rams graded a 55:45 split across A1:B1 categories which indicates LEAN lambs.

Halfbred Romanov lambs gain very well in the feedlot (300-500 g/d) and equalled or outperformed lambs of the other purebred parental breed. At slaughter, these half Romanov lambs had good muscling, graded better, had less external fat and more internal fat than lambs of the other purebred parental breed. In other words, aside from an increase in internal fat, the half Romanov carcasses were equal to or an improvement on the other non-Romanov purebred lambs.

MORE lambs is a big winner in terms of comparing the costs of feeding the ewe flock. These extra lambs also have to survive to market and produce an acceptable quality carcass. So far, Romanov sheep and their crossbreds seem to meet these criteria.

We are in the middle of experiments to determine breeding season length in various breeds of sheep, including Romanov and Romanov crossbreds. I am not able to rank all the breeds accurately at this moment, but Romanov sheep (and certain crossbreds) are clear winners. Many ewe lambs born in March are cycling from puberty (variable time of puberty) through to June of the following year.

The team of scientists at the Lethbridge Research Station will keep you informed of these results and others as they are confirmed.

In general, you must keep clear objectives in mind when purchasing any breeding stock. If it is possible to get high production without bringing yet another breed into the farm, and, if it is possible to market quality lean carcasses from these extra lambs, then there is no particular reason to switch to Romanov crossbreeding.

Crossbreeding with any unrelated breed tends to reduce lamb mortality and increase reproduction in the crossbred ewe. Romanov sheep are quite unrelated to our usual breeds, so there seems to be even greater hybrid vigour in their crosses. Prolific breeds definitely have a place in Canadian production systems.

CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVE WOOL GROWERS LIMITED

1990 WOOL STABILIZATION PAYMENT

OTTAWA, October 17, 1991 -- Agriculture Minister Bill McKnight today announced a $754,000 wool stabilization payment for the 1990 wool clip. The payment will be made to Canadian wool producers under section 24 (1)(b) of the Farm Income Protection Act.

Wool prices in Canada for the 1990 clip averaged 38.5 cents per pound, compared with the previous five-year average of 63 cents per pound. As a result, a payment of 32 cents per pound will be made to producers on a marketed volume of 2.32 million pounds for a total of 754,000.

Under a government-industry partnership arrangement, federal stabilization payments will be distributed through the Canadian Sheep Federation.

"I am pleased to see industry participating in the delivery of payments to producers," Mr. McKnight said. "This arrangement is an excellent example of government and industry working together to the benefit of producers."

Producers should forward their applications along with bills of sale before April 1, 1992 to:

Canadian Sheep Federation
30 Tripp Crescent
Nepean, Ontario
K2J 1C6

Producers who marketed their clip through Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited will be sent their respective 1990 wool stabilization payment automatically on data forwarded to the Canadian Sheep Federation.

For more information, media or producers may contact:

Andy Dagenais
Canadian Sheep Federation
(613) 825-3866

Alan Turner
Farm Financial Programs Directorate
Agriculture Canada
(613) 995-5880

WOOL MARKET UPDATE

Although the wool trade is experiencing slightly improved trading conditions in 1991, a market recovery is expected to take quite some time. The problem persists of overproduction worldwide in relation to demand and this is the largest obstacle to contend with. There is also substantial unsold wool stockpiles available in all primary wool markets. There are some signs of increased buying activity from both Russia and China which will be an absolute prerequisite to improving current wool market conditions. The textile industry usually records increased business activity following recessionary conditions so this will hopefully soon lead to improved demand and consumption of wool. Because of oversupply of wool on the wool market there has been basically no improvement in wool prices from 1990 levels. Availability of wool on most markets is at an all time high but production is expected to decrease slightly in 1992 due to an overall reduction in sheep numbers worldwide.

In terms of our own domestic production, wool receipts are down but we have sold forward contracts on a significant percentage of the 1991 wool clip. We encourage annual wool marketing by producers in order to qualify for any applicable wool stabilization payments and to avoid wool deterioration which may occur on improperly stored wool.

WOOL ADVANCE PAYMENT - FOB WOOL COLLECTION DEPOT

Domestic grade	- 10 cents/lb
Range grade	- 30 cents/lb
Mohair	- 50 cents/lb

Consignment only for offsorts, faulty types, coloured and Romanov due to limited marketing opportunities for these types at this time. Final payment to follow based on wool grading results and wool market conditions.

Please contact any C.C.W.G. branch for further information:

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Stony Plain, Alberta	(403) 963-4343
Lennoxville, Quebec	(819) 567-4344

The Classifieds

FOR SALE - SHEEP

REGISTERED SUFFOLK ram. Margaret Howell, Bentley, 748-2959 (12)

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DORSET/ROMANOV ram lambs, born Mar-Apr '91. Linda, Wildwood, 325-2449 (12)

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12 PUREBRED Suffolk ewe lambs & young ewes. 1 purebred yearling Suffolk ram. Proven breeder. Ken Greenway, Okotoks, 938-7900 (12)

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1 REGISTERED Hampshire ram. Born Jan '89. Gord or Anne, Legal, 961-2370 (12)

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4 REGISTERED Polypay ram lambs. One is 10 months old - $200 and 3 are 7 months old - $100 each. Herman, Ardrossan, 922-5973 (12)

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17 REGISTERED Suffolk ewes, 1-3 yrs. 10 ewe lambs eligible for registration. $3000 for the 27. No culls. Excellent quality ram lambs, some registered stock - $130 each. Born Mar-Apr '91. ADG over 1 lb., records kept on all animals. Suzanne Wall, Hays, 725-2104 (12)

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1 FINN/SUFFOLK cross ram lamb - $80. Kiwi Acres, Bashaw, 372-3765 (After 6 PM) (12)

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TWIN ROMANOV/SUFFOLK ram. Born Mar '90. Triplet Romanov/North Country Cheviot ewe. Born Apr '90. Twin ewe lamb. Born Apr '91. Barb, Blackfalds, 885-4104 (Evenings Only) (12)

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30 YEARLING ewes due to lamb in January. All lambed last year. 30 Jan-Feb ewe lambs - still open. All purebred, but not registered. Phone for details. Gary Boyd, Leduc, 986-8797 (12)

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REGISTERED ROMNEY ram lambs. Apr '91 born. Dual purpose breed. Excellent for cross breeding. Susan, Beaverlodge, 354-2047 (12)

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CAMPSIE COVE Mini Farm has purebred Finn ram & ewe lambs. $75 each. Robert, Barrhead, 674-2968 (12)

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BRIGHTBANK FINN sheep has top quality registered Finns. Triplet & quadruplet Finn/Dorset cross rams & ewe lambs. All on ROP. To arrange a visit please call Kathy, Stony Plain, 963-0416 (1)

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ELEVEN EWES, bred. Start lambing in March. One ram. Suffolk cross. $925 for all. Frank Zajicek, Irricana, 935-4554 (1)

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REGISTERED R.O.P. Hampshire rams & ewes. Albert Smith, 100 Mile House, B.C., (604) 395-3508 (1)

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PUREBRED ROMANOV ewe lambs. 9 months old. Open. Doug, Penhold, 886-2567 (1)

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40 RAMBOUILLET ewes, 1-4 yrs old. No culls left. Lambing April 1st. 8 days exposure to Rambouillet ram and 28 days to Suffolk ram. $60/head at the farm. Dale Morgan, Didsbury, 335-8200 (1)

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PUREBRED COLUMBIA yearling lamb, 4- 1 & 2 year ewes and 3 ewe lambs. Tony or Marg, Okotoks, 938-4307 (After 6 PM) (1)

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FOR SALE - GOATS

THREE HEALTHY Saanen does, papered. 4 very tame Saanen does born this spring, not papered yet. Reasonable. Call Erika Vester, 556-2299, Olds (w) or 337-2496, Carstairs (h) (12)

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2 REGISTERED purebred *S LaMancha herd-sires. From top producing dairy bloodlines, they have sired meaty, fast-growing kids. $300 each. J. Benger, Drayton Valley, 727-2491 (12)

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1 BILLY goat - triplet. Nubian/Alpine cross. Born Mar 23/91. Elise, Lac La Biche, 623-2511 (12)

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2 CASTRATED goats - 1 pygmy & 1 pygmy crossed with Nigerian dwarf. Tan, 9 months old or chocolate brown, 7 months old. Dorothy, Craigmyle, 665-2455 (12)

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PUREBRED ALPINE buck born March 15/91 - $75. Purebred Saanen buck born February 15/91 - $100. Both are from excellent milking stock. Joan, Tomahawk, 339-2118 (1)

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Peace on Earth

FOR SALE - DOGS

LIVESTOCK GUARDIANS. CKC registered, Komondor puppies. From working parents. Sheep raised. Born July 24/91. Fred or Marlene, Lloydminster, (306) 825-2640 (12)

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14 MONTH old neutered male Great White Pyreenes predator dog. 5 registered Border Collie pups. 6 months old. Working parents. Present world champion bloodlines. Elaine, Westerose, 586-2768 (12)

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PUREBRED BORDER Collie puppies. 2 females, 1 male. Ready to go Nov 5. Out of Imperial Sweep and Lady II. Also 1 registered purebred male, 15 months old. Started dog. John, Eckville, 746-3675 (After 8 PM) (12)

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GREAT PYREENES pups - both purebred cross - 2 males - big & fat - excellent predator control - 4 months - $100.00. Great Pyreenes pups - ready end of November - excellent bird dogs - good disposition - mother registered - father purebred no papers - $235 each. Eileen or Wayne, Beaverlodge, 354-2622 (12)

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ANATOLIAN GUARD dogs - registered shots, guaranteed. Excellent for livestock & general farm guarding duties. Litter available for Xmas. Cariboo Sheep & Wool, 150 Mile House, B.C. (604) 296-4235 (12)

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BORDER COLLIE dogs. Albert Smith, 100 Mile House, B.C. (604) 395-3508 (1)

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A.S.C.A. REGISTERED Australian Shepherd pups (red). Both parents from proven working stock (Las Rocosa & Crown Point Breeding). Pictures and further information on achievements of parents will be provided upon contact. Four generation pedigrees along with veterinary health and 1st vaccination certificates accompany all pups. Ready last week of Dec '91. Jane or Randy, Diamond K Aussies, Innisfail, 227-2400 (1)

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BEAUTIFUL BOUVIER cross Border Collie pups. Born Oct 11/91. $50 each. Make good herd or guard dogs. Prefer farm home. Jackie, Millicent, 378-4466 (1)

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BORDER COLLIE cross puppies. 6 months old. Showing interest in working with ducks, sheep and cattle. They have had their first shots. Gail, Big Valley, 876-2727 (1)

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LIVESTOCK GUARD dogs. Excellent coyote control. Kuvasz puppies. Registered and shots. Excellent for sheep, farm animals and children. Ready to go. Norma, Beaverlodge, 354-8330 (1)

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PUREBRED GREAT Pyreenes. Excellent for coyote control. Beautiful gentle dogs. Ready to go end of December. Heather, Buck Lake, 388-2338 (1)

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FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS

IN ECKVILLE area, west of Red Deer, 1/4 section, all pasture, set up for cattle & sheep. Good corrals, cattle shed & sheep sheds, grain bins, new fences. 1800 square foot house, 2 levels. Main floor, 2 bedrooms & 1 1/2 bathrooms. Suitable for game farm. John, Eckville, 746-3675 (After 8 PM) (12)

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COMBINATION HAY & grain feeder for square bales. Minimizes waste. Economically priced. Gewn, 347-0668 or Dave, 747-2293, Alix, Evenings (12)

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OSTER SHEARS - $250. Allflex ear tag applicator - $20. Elastrator - $35. Evelyn, Breton, 696-3812 (After 5 PM) (12)

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LAMB HIDES - If anyone has a use for a regular weekly supply contact Doug Korbie, Gibmar Meats, Ardrossan, 922-2170. He can work a deal! (12)

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CHRISTMAS IS coming! To make your shopping easy, give 'Cooking With Lamb', an exclusive lamb cookbook by Jelaine McDermit. Offering recipes for ALL lamb cuts plus helpful information and different methods of cooking lamb. Unlike many lamb recipes which use rare and exotic ingredients, the recipes in 'Cooking With Lamb' use everyday ingredients. They are simple & have easy-to-follow instructions to ensure delicious results every time. The book is $10.65 including GST and $1.00 postage & handling and is available by contacting Jelaine McDermit, R R #2, Carstairs TOM ONO, 337-2397 or Clive 784-3620. Volume discounts are available on orders of 5 books or more. (12)

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ROUND BALE sheep feeders. $275.00. Also selling 1 1/2" & 1 3/4" OD pipe at 55¢/foot. Large quantities available. Ideal for sheep, cattle & corrals. Rod's Welding, Rod Ceccatto, Eckville, 746-5455 (1)

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1992, 6 x 16 foot, bumper pull, stock trailer. Rubber ride axles. Sliding rear gate. Nice to pull. Gooseneck trailer also available. $4500. Kim, Calgary, 651-2112 (1)

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Season's Greetings

FOR SALE OR TRADE

FOR SALE OR TRADE registered Angora goats - 2 does & 1 buck for pygmy goats of equal value. Vivian, Bruderheim, 796-3556 (12)

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ROMANOV/SUFFOLK cross yearling ram, large size, also 10 commercial Suffolk ewes **FOR SALE OR TRADE** for wool breed type of sheep or goats. Lori, Stettler, 742-1854 (1)

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FOR TRADE

PUREBRED POLYPAY rams. Lambs & 1, 2 & 3 yr olds. Will trade for same. Lawrence, Vulcan, 485-6646 (1)

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WANTED - SHEEP

ORPHAN LAMBS. Lambs you don't want to bother with & are in your way. Lac La Biche area. Elise, 623-2511 (12)

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WANTED - GOATS

FEEDER & slaughter goats. Producers who are interested in raising goats on a long term basis. Small or large scale operations are welcome. All inquiries will be answered. Please call and leave message. Gary, Nanton area, 395-2123. (12)

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WANTED - DOGS

ONE PASSIONATE fun-loving Great Pyreenes male, must have family intentions in mind. Will have the opportunity to romp & play & go out all night with a most desirable, well proportioned, intelligent, coyote chasing female Pyreenes. Must be hard working and a strong desire to succeed in coyote chasing and family matters. Does not necessary have to have his immigration papers but must be of pure bloodlines, no triflers please! Garry, Arrowwood, 534-2144 (12)

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WANTED - MISCELLANEOUS

SPINNING WHEEL in good working order. Prefer newer model. Call Angela Mocarski, Sundre, 638-3116 (1)

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Happy Holidays

THE DEADLINE FOR CLASSIFIED ADS AND COMING EVENTS IS THE 24TH DAY OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO THE MONTH OF PUBLICATION!

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